



CESAS Meeting Summary  
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University  
September 27, 2011

#### Participants

Terrie Boguski, Harmony Environmental  
Larry E. Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing KNRC  
Lisa Harrington, Geography, KSU  
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, KSU  
Rick Yoder, Nebraska Business Development Center, University of Nebraska, Omaha

#### **Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks**

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

#### **Review of the Agenda**

- There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)**

- Kansas State University was not successful in the Industrial Assistant Center competition.

#### **Sustainability Research and Education**

- NSF Sustainability Research Networks Competition (See KSU Funding Bulletin 32-5) Lisa Harrington described her interest in the sustainability of rural systems, and Rick Yoder described his interest in water quality, especially nitrogen and phosphorus in surface water. Both are interested in being part of a sustainability research network. There is interest at K-State in water quality also.
- Lisa shared information on sustainability certificate programs at other universities. There are undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.
- USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy," Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State January 2012 Intersession Event "Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy" There was a recent meeting related to marketing the new certificate program and the courses associated with it. The January Intersession course will be January 9-11, 2012.

#### **USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy"**

- John Schlup developed short course and electronic version on quantifying the sustainability of processes and materials.
- January 2012 Intersession Event - Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy is the planned topic for the next intersession event

#### **Eco-literacy Book Club Activities**

- There was a meeting in September, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m. - What Matters?: Economics for a Renewed Commonwealth by Wendell Berry. Brown bag lunch gathering. Additional information will be posted on the Internet site.

### **Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership**

- This project is going well.

### **Sustainability Seminar Program - Plans for Fall 2011**

- Watch for seminars related to sustainability and let Sheree know about them so they can be publicized.

### **Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition**

- There was no new information on this.

### **NSF Proposal on Research Experiences for Teachers**

- A proposal is being prepared with Ruth Miller as PI, and a focus on engineering sustainability.

### **Solar parking lot project**

- Terrie Boguski is working on this effort.

### **Movies on the Grass and "Houston We Have a Problem."**

- CESAS is sponsoring the next event on the evening of September 11.

### **All University Campaign and CESAS**

- All University Campaign and CESAS The account number is I24260, and contributions to this account are invited. Requests for funding for sustainability events should be put on the agenda for the next CESAS meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 25, at 3:30 p.m.

**Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!**