



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
November 22, 2011

Participants

Terrie Boguski, CHSR, KSU; Harmony Environmental (via teleconference)
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Wendy Griswold, CHSR, KSU
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services
Tim Tillman, Sustainability Director, University of Central Oklahoma (via teleconference)

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

- The participants reviewed the agenda and concurred on its content.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- KSU/Manhattan won the Take Charge Challenge. Larry put forward the suggestions that the winnings be spent to install a solar charge station.
- Tim Tillman reported that the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) is working on a public outreach project focused on air quality issues with American Lung Association. A big challenge for the area is culture change; sustainability forums often have demonstrators present.

Sustainability Research and Education

- A current initiative at UCO is integrating sustainability into the curriculum. They are planning an event that will bring together professors for a two day conference to learn about sustainability and then work to incorporate what they learned into their curriculum.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy"

- January 2012 Intersession Event - Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy" - See www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/bioenergy/

- The members present agreed that CESAS would cosponsor this event at the \$500 Gold level. As a sponsor at this level, CESAS will receive registration for two people to attend the intersession. If you are interested in being one of these people, please contact Larry or Sheree Walsh at chsr@ksu.edu.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- The November meeting was postponed. It is likely that it will be next semester before the meeting is rescheduled.

Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership

- No one involved was in attendance to give an update.

Sustainability Seminar Program

- A recent Geography seminar on farmers working to produce crops for biofuels was presented.
- The possibility of Tim Tillman giving a seminar on UCO's sustainability programs during a visit or an exhibit at the January Intersession was discussed.

Solar parking lot project

- CESAS members are developing a proposal to NSF to create a demonstration/education project on solar charge stations for electric vehicles. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Larry.

Other

- Tim Tillman, director of sustainability at UCO joined the meeting today. His position is under the assistant vice president of facilities. He reported that lot of innovation related to sustainable facilities redesign had been initiated by employees. His current focus is working to partner staff/facilities with administration and academics, with respect to sustainability initiatives. UCO serves about 17,000 students and has a large international student population.
- North Central Region SERE program applications are due in December. This initiative funds sustainable demonstration projects on farmland.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m.