

Present:

Larry Erickson representing chemical engineering and KNRC.

Sue Pray representing the KSU libraries.

Oral Saulters representing CHSR.

1. Review of the agenda: The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions.

2. Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK): Oral Saulters reported on the new movie GasLand 2, which relates to fracking and shale gas development. Sue Pray reported on the recent Mother Earth events in Topeka.

3. Sustainable Brownfields (TAB): Oral reported that the RFP is out for communities to submit applications for funding to EPA. CHSR is helping with software and public education support.

4. Sustainable Communities. The Water Conf. is Nov. 12 and 13. Water is an important issue for many tribal communities.

5. Solar Powered Charge Station Project and DOE Challenge.

– There is a new publication related to the project: Robinson et al., 2014. Business Models for Solar Powered Charging Stations to Develop Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles," Sustainability 6: 7358-7387. This is an open journal, which includes the results of the survey at K-State.

– We discussed the U.S. Dept. of Energy Workplace Charging Challenge; there is interest in this and those present recommend that there be further dialog with those at K-State who have an interest in the topic and sustainability.

6. Sustainability at KSU. There were no new developments to share related to leadership for this at K-State.

7. Ecoliteracy Book Club. Oral identified the following book; Norton, Bryan G. Sustainability: A Philosophy of Adaptive Ecosystem Management, University of Chicago Press, 2005. We discussed adding brief reviews to ecoliteracy books to the book club site.

8. Food and Agriculture Sustainability. There is new funding for U.S. AID projects and the lunch dialog has been started again on Tuesdays with leadership provided by Jim Stack. The next lunch dialog is on Nov. 4.

9. EPA Air Quality Proposals. One proposal has been submitted and the CHSR team is looking for more opportunities for funding.

10. 12th International Phytotechnologies Conf., Sept. 27-30, 2015. Oral identified the Navaho Tribal Institute as a potential partner for the conference. Uranium mining may be an area of interest.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of prior meetings may be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/sustainability>

Announcements and Events:

See Events at: <http://sustainability.k-state.edu> and <https://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events>

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