

CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
October 13, 2015

Present:

Larry Erickson, Ch.E. and KNRC
Huston Gibson, LA/RCP

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1. There were no changes to the agenda.

2. The 12th International Phytotechnology Conference and the seminars at K-State that followed provided opportunities for those in the community and those at K-State to participate in sustainability events related to the Global Soil Partnership, applications of phytotechnology, and bioenergy developments. There was a tour of the Westar wetland on Sept. 30. More than 200 people from over 25 countries participated in the 12th IPC.

3. Sustainable Brownfields activities are continuing. There was a continuing education program "Risk Exposure and Risk Reduction on Brownfields" as part of the 12th IPC.

4. Sustainable communities activities included a seminar at K-State by Kate Kennen for Landscape Architecture students.

5. There is new information about the cost of batteries for electric vehicles. Costs continue to decrease, and this is good news for the electrification of transportation.

6. Sustainability education activities included the Vernon Larson lecture by Valentina Pidlisnyuk on "Sustainable Development in Ukraine and Slovakia. We also discussed study abroad activities in the Czech Republic at Jana Evangelista Pvrkine University in Usti nad Labem and at Czech Tech in Prague.

7. The ecoliteracy book for October is Phyto: Principles for Site Remediation and Landscape Design, which Kate Kennen described in her presentations.

8. Those present were in favor of K-State joining the Global Soil Partnership and working to advance efforts to improve soil quality.

9. The next CESAS meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015.

10. There is an ASCE webinar at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, on Sustainability and Sustainable Development.

11. There is an invitation to join a Regional Kansas City Clean Cities Committee. Contact Sidney at sidney@metroenergy.org

12. Those present recommended that we look for new people to participate in the CESAS meetings.

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: <https://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events>