



Flint Hills Regional Council Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2018
Junction City, KS

Present from Board of the Regional Council: **Pam Bales**, City of Alma Councilwoman; **Scott Briggs**, Lyon County Commissioner; **Tim Brown**, City of Junction City Commissioner; **Linda Cook**, Kansas State University; **Sharon Haun**, City of Council Grove Councilwoman; **Galen Johnson**, City of Dwight Mayor; **Troy Livingston** (for Ben Bennett), Geary County; **Dee McKee**, Pottawatomie County Commissioner; **Susan McKenzie**, City of White City - City Clerk; **Linda Morse**, City of Manhattan Mayor; **Darci Pottroff**, City of Riley Councilwoman; **Marvin Rodriguez**, Riley County Commissioner; **Ben Van Becelaere** (for Tim Livsey) Fort Riley Plans, Analysis & Integration Office Chief; **Richard Weixelman**, City of Wamego Commissioner; and **Perry L. Wiggins**, Governor's Military Council.

Absent from the Board: **Rodney Allen**, Wabaunsee County Commissioner; **Ryan Armbrust**, City of Alta Vista Councilman; **Ed Bashaw**, Emporia State University; **David Fox**, Morris County Commissioner; **Honey Grant**, City of Grandview Plaza Vice-Mayor; **Todd Hensley**, City of Reading Mayor; **Eladio Reid**, City of Ogden Councilman; **Dale Renfro**, City of Onaga Councilman; **MarySue Roller**, City of Woodbine Mayor; **Jeff Rosell**, City of Westmoreland representative; **Jimmy Thatcher**, City of Clay Center Mayor; and **Lee Wolf**, City of Chapman Councilman.

Present from Staff Support: **Unique Hiram**, Administrative/HR Manager; **Gary Stith**, Director; and **Janna Williams**, Regional Planner.

Guests: **Dave Baker**, State of Kansas House of Representatives; **Eric Cattell**, City of Manhattan Community Development Director; **Lonnie Clark**, State of Kansas House of Representatives; **Sean Flanagan**, Junction City Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Administrator; **Kay Hutchinson**, Greater Morris County Development Corporation Executive Director; **Bruce McMillan**, Private Citizen; **Tom Phillips**, State of Kansas House of Representatives; **Mark Schreiber**, State of Kansas House of Representatives; **Susie Swanson**, State of Kansas House of Representatives; and **Diane Wolfe**, Council Grove/Morris County Chamber Director.

WELCOME:

- Scott Briggs, FHRC Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and invited the board members, staff, and meeting guests to introduce themselves.
- Member Tim Brown welcomed meeting attendees to Junction City.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- Member Pam Bales motioned for the April 20, 2018 meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Member Tim Brown seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES:

Staff Activities & Updates

- Gary Stith, Director, gave an update about what the staff is currently working on throughout the region.

Finance/Budget Review

- The bank balance, as of May 17, 2018, is \$46,458.76
- Outstanding Reimbursement Requests - EDA \$14,325.40
- Current balance on the line of credit is \$115,500.00
- Received two grants – OEA JLUS Implementation Grant for \$404,019 and EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for \$600,000.

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:

- State of Kansas House of Representatives Dave Baker, Lonnie Clark, Tom Phillips, Mark Schreiber and Susie Swanson gave a brief legislative session update about the following along with a question and answer segment:
 - Tax Increase
 - Educational Funding
 - Highways
 - Professional Licensing (i.e. nursing credentials from another state)
 - Agriculture / Commerce
 - KPERS Contribution

2018 FLINT HILLS REGIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE:

- Gary Stith gave a brief update on the 2018 Flint Hills Regional Conference:
 - There were 13 sponsors – Greater Manhattan Community Foundation was the primary conference sponsor
 - There were 20 exhibitor booths at the event
 - Actual conference attendees were 152 people, 10 of which registered at the door. There was a total of 175 people registered for the conference.
 - A debrief will take place with the conference committee in the next couple of weeks. Member Tim Brown has been asked to join the conference committee.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MANHATTAN FOR OEA GRANT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING ADVANCES:

- There was a brief board discussion about considering the agreement with City of Manhattan for OEA JLUS Implementation Reimbursement Funding Advances. A consensus was made to accept the agreement once an official vote is taken with a board quorum. The official vote to be taken was tabled until the June 2018 meeting because there was no quorum present at this month's meeting.

CITY/COUNT/PARTNER UPDATES:

- Fort Riley - Ben Van Becelaere, PAIO Chief, gave an update on the following:
 - Boots on Ground is currently 11,000
 - Training Exercise is May 30th – June 20th
 - 7,000 Reserve / Guard Military Members will be training on the installation in June and July
 - The Division Change of Command will be June 8th
 - The Garrison Commander Change of Command will be held on July 13th

- Kansas State University – Linda Cook, Office of the President, gave an update on the following:
 - Graduation last week was on of the top three largest held at the university
 - Working with consultants on growing enrollment
 - Smart Asset Award was awarded to the university
 - Dean of Agriculture is leaving and Provost search is currently underway
 - Freshman Class orientation will be held in a few weeks

- Governor's Military Council – Perry L. Wiggins, Executive Director, gave an update on the following:
 - Drone Simulator (Predator) will be at Kansas State University Salina
 - 28,000 troops increase has been approved for over the next four years; this may increase to 40,000 upon approval
 - Security Forces are at Fort Hood, Fort Lewis-McCord and Fort Carson
 - There have been five installations chosen to possibly house the new Brigade Combat Team – Fort Riley is one of the selected installations. A decision will be made on June 15th

- Emporia State University – Ed Bashaw, School of Business Dean, was not in attendance at the meeting.

- City of Alta Vista – Member Ryan Armbrust, Councilman, was not in attendance at the meeting.

- City of Chapman – Member Lee Wolf, Councilman, was not in attendance at the meeting.

- City of Dwight – Member & Board Treasurer Galen Johnson, Mayor, reported on the following:
 - Sidewalk Projects (ADA Compliance / KDOT & Federal Funding)
 - Four Trading Posts (Diane Wolfe)
 - Development Corporation sponsors five events per year (upcoming event on Memorial Day)

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- Geary County – Troy Livingston, GIS Director, reported on the following:
 - Interlocal Agreement has been reworked
 - New Planner has been hired

- City of Grandview Plaza – Member Honey Grant, Vice-Mayor, was not in attendance at the meeting.

- City of Junction City – Member Tim Brown, Commissioner, reported on the following:
 - \$9M Upgrade to the Water Plant is almost completed
 - \$10M Two Waste Water Plants should be completed this summer with upgrades
 - \$100M High School
 - Road Improvements should be completed by June 2018
 - New Store (Washington Street)
 - 8th Street Walking Trail – 10 feet with concrete
 - Run for the Wall (Motorcycles 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Heritage Park)

ADJOURNMENT:

- Member Pam Bales motioned for the City of Eskridge to be approved to join the Flint Hills Regional Council. Member Galen Johnson seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
- The next board meeting will be held on June 15, 2018 at Flint Hills Technical College, 3301 West 18th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Vietnam Vet Wall will be displayed in Wamego City Park (June 14- 17, 2018)
- Board President Scott Briggs officially adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.