



Flint Hills Regional Council Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2011
Meeting Location: Riley’s Conference Center – Fort Riley, KS

Present from Board of the Regional Council: **Ben Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; **Vic Enns**, Wamego City Commissioner; **Honey Grant**, Grandview Plaza Vice-Mayor; **Vern Hay**, Morris County Commissioner; **Linda Hoeffner**, Fort Riley; **Joe Kormanik**, Alta Vista Commissioner; **Karen McCulloh**, Riley County Commissioner; **David Shover II**, Riley City Mayor; and **Jimmy Thatcher**, Clay Center Mayor.

Absent from the Board: **John Armbrust**, Governor’s Military Council; **Cecil Aska**, Junction City Commissioner; **Dan Deiter**, Alma City Council; **Jackie Hartman**, Kansas State University; **Stan Hartwich**, Pottawatomie County Commissioner; **Galen Johnson**, Dwight City Mayor; **MarySue Roller**, Woodbine County Councilwoman; **Debi Schwerdtfeger**, Council Grove Commissioner; **Jim Sherow**, Manhattan Mayor and **Ervan Stuewe**, Wabaunsee County Commissioner.

Present from the Greater Regional Council Membership: No additional members present.

Present from Staff Support: **Ty Warner**, Executive Director; **Unique Hiram**, Administrative Manager and **Jeff Adams**, Regional Planner.

Guests: **Gerald Bieker**, City of Chapman; **Colvin D. Bennett, Sr.**, Garrison Command Sergeant Major (Fort Riley), **Colonel William J. Clark**, Garrison Commander (Fort Riley); **Nicole Davies**, Junction City Chamber; **Karen Davis**, City of Manhattan; **Steven Howe**, Office of Congressman Tim Huelskamp / 1st District Kansas; **Lori Huber**, CCEDG; **Bruce McMillian**, Flint Hills Regional Task Force; **Tonya Mundy**, AFWMF; **Lyle Peterson**, KDOC; **Monty Wedel**, Riley County; **Philip Weishaar**, Mayor of Chapman; and **David Yearout**, Junction City / Geary County.

Call to Order:

President Vern Hay called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Members, staff and guests all introduced themselves.

Welcome:

Host Member Linda Hoeffner welcomed all attendees to Fort Riley.

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Approval of Minutes:

- Due to a quorum not being present, the approval of minutes could not be made as a result.

Fort Riley 2015 Campaign:

Major (MAJ) Mike Gorreck, Headquarters G5 Division, gave a brief presentation on the Fort Riley 2015 Campaign.

Presentation Highlights:

1. Preparing Trained and Ready Forces
 - Gray Eagle Unmanned System
 - Training Schedule
 - Solider Education Opportunities
2. Taking Care of People (Resilience)
 - Support to Military Families and Children
 - Benefits from partnerships in the CFHR (Donations/Partnerships)
3. Shared Planning for the Future (Sustainability)
 - Association of Defense Communities
 - Regional Transportation Network
 - Airspace Encroachment
 - Net Zero Initiatives
4. Working Together (Community)
 - Sustaining the nine community covenants
 - KSU Partnerships
 - Flint Hills Regional Council

Among discussion with the FHRC, it was brought up that funding for fixed route transit in Manhattan which had been planned for some time was cut by the City Commission. It was also noted that the regional transit service would be funded by KDOT through April 2012.

Additionally, there were questions about the notification process to the surrounding communities of noise/training events to be conducted at Fort Riley. There are two ways to receive this information: subscribe for Fort Riley emails or utilizing the advisory button on the main webpage at <http://www.1id.army.mil/>.

American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation:

Tonya Evans, CEO/Founder, presented information about the foundation and its current project to the council because this organization is looking for 20 acres of donated land (public or private), which is required for the memorial to be built. There is currently an August 1 deadline; however, that may be extended if adequate accommodations are not found before that scheduled timeline.

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This memorial will be the largest built in the United States and its preferred location is in the State of Kansas along the I-70 corridor. There were six different cities contacted for land and three of those who are currently interested are Kansas City, Lawrence and Manhattan. For more information on the foundation, its current project and various fundraising campaigns, the website link is as follows:
<http://afwmf.org/foundation/>.

Manhattan Regional Airport:

Peter Van Kuren, Airport Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on airport operations that ranged from 2002 to the present.

Presentation Highlights:

- American Eagle Airlines has been in operation at Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) for the past two years. The two hubs that are currently utilized are Dallas/Fort Worth and Chicago.
- In 2002, there were 9,028 passengers using this airport and that increased to 39,126 in 2010.
- The current airport runway is 7,000 feet long.
- 38% of flights are military supported; however, there are only a few seats that are available at the military rates.
- Due to some market analysis, it has been determined that there is an emerging market in Denver, CO for MHK.
- The Terminal Area Plan is focused on enhancements to the terminal area and parking.
- Airport Website Link: <http://www.flymhk.com/>. There is also a Facebook and Twitter page @flyMHK for the airport.

Legislative Update:

- KOMA/KORA Regional Training Reminder:
<http://www.ksag.org/page/koma-kora-regional-training>
- Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program – applications due July 15, 2011:
www.fhrlp.org
- TWORKS – funding accomplishments for the K18, 177 and I77 projects
- Member Ben Bennett is a member of the Kansas Associations of Counties and can present concerns during their scheduled meetings. Inputs should be made prior to August 1, 2011.
- Unfunded mandates: FCC Regulations on narrow band, Retro reflectivity and DWI Regulations.
- Unclaimed pets are becoming an issue in the surrounding communities and needs to be addressed.
- Impact of tax rebates, Mental Health Issues and Critical Care Hospital.
- Member Karen McCulloh made a suggestion that legislators should be invited to either the October or November board meeting.

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Flint Hills Regional Council Officer Selection:

- Postponed until August 19 Retreat due to a quorum not being present.

Membership Dues Rates:

Jeff Adams, FHRC Regional Planner, gave a presentation based on the 2010 Census figures for the Flint Hills Region.

Presentation Highlights:

- Population Growth: State of Kansas 6.13% and Flint Hills Region 14.81%.
- Largest City Growths: Junction City and Manhattan.
- State of Kansas Growth: MSA 97% and non-MSA 3%.
- Population Changes: 77 communities had losses and 28 communities had gains.
- There will be a data book given to the Board Members at the August Retreat with the information that was given during this meeting.

Financial Report:

- The OEA grant is funded through February 2012.
- The Executive Committee was given seven different financial reports to view and will decide on which report will be sufficient to present to the entire Board during the monthly meeting.
- A Statement of Financial Income and Expense was given to the present Board Members; however, a vote to accept it could not be taken due to a quorum not being present.

Other Business/Next Meeting:

- An announcement was made that the City of Chapman has voted to become a member of the Flint Hills Regional Council.
- The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2011 (Board Retreat). More information forthcoming.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was completed at 1:31 p.m.

An official adjournment was not made due to a quorum not being present.