Congratulations 2022 Chapter Leaders

KANSAS CHAPTER ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the election to fill positions on the Executive Committees of the Kansas Chapter and its Groups. Thanks to all who cast their votes!

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Large Scale Solar Can Make Clean Energy for Kansas

ELAINE GIESSEL, CHAIR, SIERRA CLUB KANSAS CHAPTER

The Kansas Sierra Club supports large-scale renewable energy projects with minimal restrictions which address local equity issues and protect endangered species and critical habitat. The national Beyond Coal Campaign has the final authority to determine whether a particular large-scale renewable project is appropriate for our area and we must follow their decision. But we need our grassroots membership to be prepared to act locally to support our position.

CAFO UPDATE - Sierra Club joins petition to EPA

CRAIG VOLLAND, Chapter Agriculture Chair

Our chapter continues its legal fight against CAFOs in our state to protect the rights of rural Kansans to enjoy streams, air and waterways unpolluted by these noxious methane-producing operations. Large hog and dairy CAFOs use wet manure disposal (anaerobic waste
impoundments and lagoons) which create harmful methane emissions, intense odors, airborne allergens, and pathogenic particles.

**reports & updates**

Tell Evergy Sierra Club Wants Energy Efficiency In Kansas

TY GORMAN, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign in Kansas

I've been involved in Energy Efficiency (EE) issues most of my life. In the 1990s, I spent summers in Tennessee working in construction. In the early 2000s, I was in South Carolina patching holes in old houses. By 2010, I was based in North Carolina, conducting efficiency policy analysis for the Department of Energy. These states are not liberal or wealthy places, yet all had recognized in some way that home efficiency was a great public investment.

Trail to Reconciliation - hinoshi aaowa ittikana

KENT ROWE, Southwind Group, 2022 Chapter ExCom Member

During the past decade, Sierra Club members have started to introduce themselves by
identifying their location on the historic land of indigenous nations. This practice is called land acknowledgment and is an ancient protocol for understanding and honoring the ancestral homelands of native peoples across the world. Our mission for environmental justice recognizes that social justice is inseparable from environmental justice.

Full story

**Study Finds Minimal Impact for Potential Wichita Plastic Bag Restrictions**

Kansas Sierra Club Southwind group chair Lori Lawrence is a passionate member of the Wichita Public Works Department’s Single Use Plastic Bag Task Force.

The task force supported a Wichita Litter Study conducted by Wichita State University’s Environmental Finance Center (EFC). During June and July 2021, citizen volunteers counted, logged, and disposed of all kinds of litter – including plastics – collected within targeted sites in 12 different locations through the City of Wichita. The EFC is developing a Litter Study Report including recommendations for policies or programs to reduce litter, including plastics, in the Wichita area.

Full story
No membership meetings are scheduled this month.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

See you in 2022!

1855 **Historic Marker of 40th Parallel**

The Glacial Hills Scenic Byway (Kansas Route 7) crosses the Nebraska line about two miles north of White Cloud in Doniphan County, Kansas. Just north of the state line, a wooden bridge over the road drainage ditch marks a trail that leads to a steep climb of one hundred yards up a bluff overlooking the Missouri River floodplain. At the top, this monument marks the starting point for the survey of the 40th parallel. Congress decided in 1854 that the 40th parallel would be the baseline, and would establish the boundary between the Kansas slave territory and the Nebraska free territory. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers placed the marker on May 8, 1855.

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Show us your favorite Kansas nature or wilderness area!
Submit a small description and a photo (if possible!) to communications@kansas.sierraclub.org

what are WAYPOINTS?

Waypoints: noun. A stopping place on a journey; an endpoint of the leg of a course, especially one whose coordinates have been generated by a computer.