

KANSAS CLIMATE LEADERS SOLAR BRIEFING

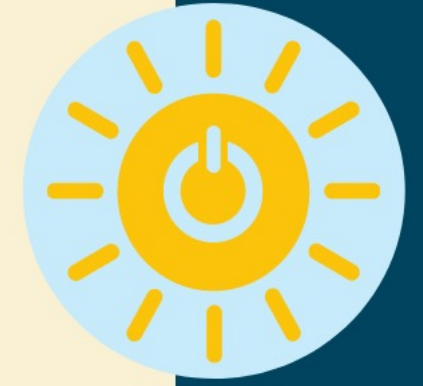


DOUGLAS COUNTY

January 20TH, 2022

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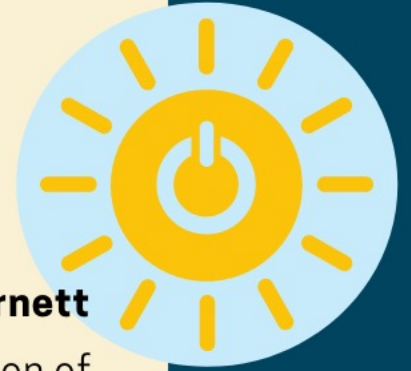


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As the Executive Director of the Climate + Energy Project, **Dorothy Barnett** has been successful in convening diverse voices in a conservative region of the country. She has coordinated winning campaigns to protect the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard from special interest groups attacks during four legislative sessions, allowing the wind industry to grow to 40% of the state's power generation in just a decade.

Prior to her position as Executive Director, Dorothy served for 4 years as CEP's Director of Energy and Transmission, putting her on the ground in energy policy work at the local, state and regional level. Under Dorothy's leadership, CEP continues to innovate and reach new audiences with projects like WEALTH, Kansas Climate CORE, the Kansas Environmental Leadership project and the Clean Energy Business Council, a multi sector business group focused on the advanced energy economy.

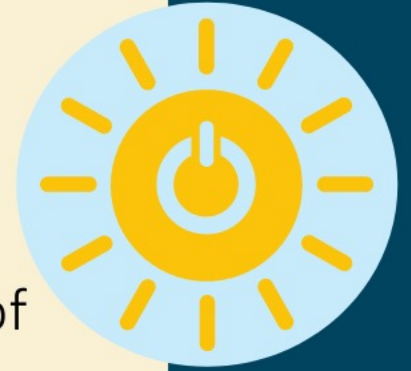
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Rabbi Moti Rieber has served as Executive Director of Kansas Interfaith Action and its predecessor organization, Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, since March of 2011. He is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. A life-long activist on peace, social justice, and environmental issues, Rabbi Moti brings a variety of pulpit, interfaith, and organizational experience to the work of Kansas Interfaith Action. Rabbi Moti and his wife, Suzy, have three adult children and live in Overland Park.



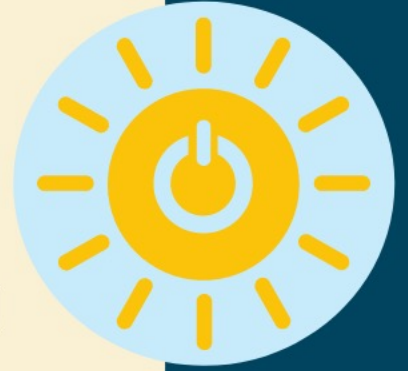
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Zack Pistora is a longtime environmental activist and current lobbyist for the Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club. Zack also serves on the Boards of the Kansas Natural Resource Council and Kansas Rural Center.

He resides on a farm in Linwood, not far from Johnson and Douglas counties.



Get Involved

- The City of Lawrence houses the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission. **Mondays and Wednesdays on the fourth week of the month at 6:30 pm** in the City Commission Room on the first floor of City Hall. **Virtual option.**
- Agendas, archived information and **contact information** for both the planning staff and commissioners.
 - **Website:** <https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=16>
- **New regulations to be introduced 6:30 on January 24th.** No oral public comments, but **written comments will be accepted** if they are received by **10 am on Monday**. You can email planning@lawrenceks.org.
- Likely a **public hearing** for regulations during **February meetings on 2/21 and 2/23**. Public comments will be accepted at that time.
- If there is an interest from folks in **hearing directly from members of the solar ad hoc committee**, they will likely make themselves available to meet with us **after January 24th**.
 - **Jan 24 Agenda:** <https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=915>

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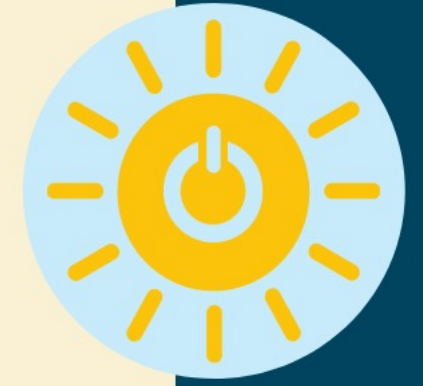


JOHNSON COUNTY

January 27TH, 2022

7:00-8:00 PM





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Get Involved

- **Public comments are being accepted for the Board of County Commissioners meeting for those who preregister. Live public comments will be accepted Only via Zoom, audio only, at this time.**
- Individuals wishing to **speak via Zoom** may register by completing the registration form. Online registration opens Tuesday afternoon/evening (coincides with publishing the agenda) and **closes at noon (12 p.m.) on the Wednesday** before the Thursday meeting. Speakers will be limited to two minutes each.
- If you would like to make a **written public comment** for the meeting, please use the form. Written comments received **by noon Wednesday** will be shared with the entire board prior to the meeting. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting. If you are unable to use the form, you may call the following number, and we will record your information: 913-715-0424.
- **Form Link: <https://www.jocogov.org/departments/board-county-commissioners/board-county-commissioner-meetings/submit-public-comment-board-county-commissioners>**

Legislative Update - Bills We're Watching

- **SB 353** - Establishing certain setback and construction requirements for wind energy facilities and certain operating conditions for existing wind energy facilities. **This bill would stop wind development in KS.** It requires setbacks of 10 times the turbine height or 5,280 feet, whichever is greater, from non-participating landowners, public buildings, airport, federal wildlife refuge, public hunting or public park. Bill sponsor Senate Utilities Committee. **No hearing has been set.**
- **HB 2488** - Establishing the EV energy equity road repair tax act and providing for a road repair tax on electricity distributed from a public charging station for electric vehicles. 3 cents per KWh would be the assessed tax. Introduced by Representative Bill Rhiley (R-Wellington). Referred to Committee on Transportation. **No hearing has been set.**
- **SB 383** - Establishing the Kansas property value protection act to provide for compensation to nonparticipating landowners near wind and solar farms for diminution of real property value under certain conditions. Bill sponsor Senate Utilities Committee. **No hearing has been set.**
- **SB 374** - Discontinuing the property tax exemption for new developments of renewable energy resources. Bill sponsor Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. Referred to Committee on Assessment and Taxation. **No hearing has been set.**

Legislative Update - Recorded Hearings from Senate Utilities Committee

- **SB 323** - Establishing requirements for instruments that convey a wind/solar lease or easement and requiring that certain disclosures be provided to landowners. Wind & solar industry perceive these bills as govt overreach that interferes with private businesses' right to contract and freely conduct business. **Hearing for the bill was in Senate Utilities on 1/26 at 1:30 pm.**
- **SB 324** - Establishing procedures that may be used to void or terminate leases or easements for electricity generation using wind or solar energy resources. If a renewable energy project doesn't meet certain milestones at the end of 5 years, leases would be void. Wind and solar industry perceives this bill will subvert private businesses and private citizens-landowners' right to contract by imposing its own deadlines. **Hearing for the bill was in Senate Utilities on 1/27 at 1:30 pm.**
- **SB 325** - Establishing requirements relating to zoning and recordation of wind and solar energy resource easements and leases. The bill removes the ability for counties to create their own procedures for approving and overturning approval for wind and solar projects. **Hearing for the bill was in Committee on Local Government on 1/25 and 1/27 at 9:30 am.**