

Program Summary

(At Buffalo Bill Cultural Center)

Wednesday, April 8

3:30 - 4:30 pm:

Steering Committee Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 pm:

Steering Committee & Speaker Dinner
(Invitation)

6:30 - 8:30 pm:

KNRC Members & Legislators Reception

- Hors devours
- Cash Bar
- Vendor Set Up

Thursday, April 9

8:00 - 8:50 am:

- Registration & Pre-convene

8:55 - 9:15 am:

- Welcome - (KNRC President Tasset)

9:15 - 9:30 am:

- Warm-up and Overview (KNRC Executive Director Carlson)

9:30 - 11:50 am: **Presentations**

- *Harriet Hageman - Hageman Law*
- *Jesse Richardson - WVU*
- *Kimmi Lewis - Indep. Cattlegrowers*

12:00 - 12:50: **Lunch**

- State of KNRC (KNRC President)
- Keynote Lunch Address -
Congressman *Tim Huelskamp*
First District, Kansas

1:00 - 2:15: **Panel Discussion, Q/A**

- *Mike Beam - Ranchland Trust*
- *Stanley Rasmussen - (Invited)*
- *Harriet Hageman - Hageman Law*
- *Gaye Benfer - NRCS/Kansas*
- To Be Announced

2:15 - 3:00: **Presentation**

- *Ric Frost - Frosted View
Productions; Consultant*

In recent years, Conservation Easements have gained popularity as a way to protect wildlife, provide tax exemptions and inhibit land and mineral development - with an eye toward permanent preservation.

Those opposed to Conservation Easements remain concerned about erosion of the local tax base, property devaluations, imposed management restrictions, arbitrary contractual language, and close relationships between multinational environmental groups, federal agencies and land trusts.

The Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) is sponsoring this first-of-its-kind forum to unearth facts, facilitate public dialogue, and develop awareness of Conservation Easement programs, benefits, restrictions and ramifications.

The objective of this and future Conservation Easement Conferences is to initiate dialogue on this important and timely topic, particularly in the current context where substantial federal funding has been earmarked for conservation easement programs, mitigation, wetlands acquisition and species preservation on private lands.

The format for this Conference includes presentations from nationally recognized attorneys, academic professionals and an association president, who collectively have decades of experience in Conservation Easement Law, Litigation, Land Policy and regional issues.

Rounding out the Conference will be a question/answer panel discussion between NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, Council to Assistant Secretary of the Army Stanley Rasmussen [invited], a CE Policy activist, staff from regional land trusts [invited] and environmental groups.

THE KANSAS NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION



1st Annual Conservation Easement Summit - and - Panel Discussion

When:

April 8 and 9, 2015

Where:

*Buffalo Bill Cultural Center
3083 US 83
Oakley, Kansas*

Purpose:

This Conference will facilitate dialogue on the history, benefits, cost, tax and property implications of Conservation Easements.

Who Should Attend?

The substantive issues presented at this Conference will be of interest to County Commissioners, State Legislators, Real-Estate and Land Professionals, Agricultural Interests, Industry, Private Landholders and those Considering Conservation Easements.

Registration

Fees

- KNRC (active) Members: \$45/person.
- Legislators: \$45/person.
- Non KNRC Members: \$55/person.
- Registration fees includes evening reception, conference access and Thursday lunch.
- Vendors and Sponsors receive one admission.

Reservations

- Attendance is capped at 125 participants, and this conference is generating substantial interest. Prompt reservations and payment are *highly* recommended.
- 50 slots will be held for KNRC Member Commissioners until March 20.
- Please call **(620) 214-9913** for reservations; all reservations for which payment has not been received by March 20 will be cancelled.
- Please make payments to KNRC and mail to:
KNRC
C/O Logan County Kansas Clerk
710 west 2nd Street
Oakley, KS 67748-1233
- No Refunds will be granted after March 20.

Accommodations

- KNRC has reserved a room block at the *Sleep Inn, 3596 East Highway 40, Oakley* (2 miles east of BBCC) for \$92/night. The special rate expires on March 25. Reservations may be made at **(785) 671-1111**. Accommodations are also available in Colby, located approximately 20 miles west of Oakley.

Harriet M. Hageman -

Harriet M. Hageman is a trial attorney who began her Wyoming law practice in August, 2000. Since then, the partners of Hageman & Brighton have been active in numerous natural resource, water, and administrative law matters, including *Nebraska v. Wyoming* (an interstate dispute); litigation of Federal "Roadless" rules, threatened and endangered species issues such as management of the Canadian Gray Wolf, challenges to private-property under the Clean Water Act, constitutional defense of term limits, defense of state "open range" laws, challenges to BLM grazing decisions on private land, and surface-water appropriations disputes.



Ms. Hageman received her B.S. Degree in Business Administration from the University of Wyoming. In 1989 she graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law.

Kimmi Lewis -

Kimmi Clark Lewis is a cattle producer from the Purgatoire River Canyonlands of Southeast Colorado, where she and her six children run 300 head on 18,000 acres.



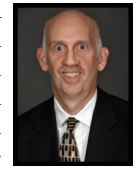
Kimmi is past President of the Colorado Independent Cattle Grower's Association, the Southern Colorado Livestock Association and she currently chairs the National Private Property Rights Committee for R-CALF USA.

Kimmi recently organized the Southeast Colorado Private Property Rights Council and successfully opposed a national heritage designation by non-governmental agencies and the US Government. Kimmi has been a strong advocate against the US Army Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site expansion, located west of her ranch.

Kimmi lost her husband, Dave, to leukemia in 2000 and she herself is a breast cancer survivor.

Jesse Richardson -

Jesse Richardson holds B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. He has held positions in private law practice, and more recently, has taught Land Use Law, Urban Affairs and Land use Planning at Virginia Tech.



In 1999 Jesse was honored with the Professional Scholarship Award from the American Agricultural Law Association, and in 2004 he won the William E. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence. Jesse has served on the Virginia Farmland Protection Task Force and the Virginia Water Policy Technical Advisory Committees and he currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Agricultural Law Association, the Universities Council on Water Resources and the National Cave and Karst Research.

Ric Frost -

Ric Frost holds a BS in Agricultural Education and a MS in Agricultural Economics, with minors in Agricultural Engineering, Plant Genetics and Satellite Imagery from New Mexico State University. Ric has served as an Economic and Environmental Policy Analyst in the NM Range Improvement Task Force, and as a registered water rights adjudication mediator for the 3rd Federal District Court on water rights adjudication. Ric founded Frosted View Productions, a video production company that creates visual media for documentaries, project grants, and legislative endorsement support. His portfolio includes experience as a senior policy analyst with Land and Water USA, based in Colorado, where he has worked on education and analysis of western water law and endangered species issues.