

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Date: 3/3/2017

NAME: WILL HONEA DEPARTMENT: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

NAME OF SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/CONVENTION:

BRINGING DECISION MAKING HOME

LOCATION: DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Seminar Date: 3/28/17

Departure Date: 3/28/17 Return Date: 3/30/17

ITEMIZED TRAVEL COST:

Transportation:	<u>AIRFARE</u>	Description	Cost
			<u>\$480.00</u>
Lodging:	<u>LODGING</u>	Description	Cost
			<u>\$244.00</u>
Meals:	<u>PER DIEM</u>	Description	Cost
			<u>\$138.00</u>
Registration:		Description	Cost
			<u>\$120.00</u>

TOTAL COST: \$982.00

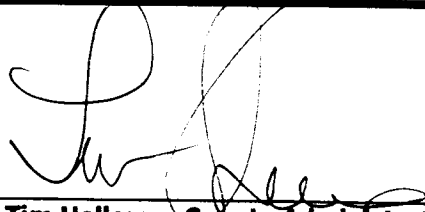
Original amount of department travel budget: \$5,000

Balance remaining in department travel budget: \$4,018.00

Purpose/benefits to be derived from attendance: SEE ATTACHED

APPROVED: [Signature]

Date: 3/3/17

 Tim Holloran, County Administrator	APPROVED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	DENIED: <input type="checkbox"/> <u>3-3-17</u>
	Date: <u>3/3/17</u>
COMMENTS: _____	

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Bringing Voice and Environmental Decision-making to Local Government

2017 Bringing Decision-making Home Conference

The KNRC *Bringing Decision-making Home Conference* will demonstrate the effectiveness of county land use plans and planning processes as tools for engaging federal agencies in decisions and rulemakings. The conference will educate decision-makers on local prerogatives, heighten national interest in local land use planning, and forward local-control philosophies in the national marketplace of ideas.

Presenters will explore the history behind land use plans, including the statutory basis, respective roles and jurisdictional boundaries of federal agencies, and discuss what constitutes a substantive, appropriate and defensible land use plan that federal agencies must take seriously and respond to.

KNRC has five objectives for *Bringing Decision-making Home Conference*:

1. Contrast and clarify the hierarchical relationship of the Constitution of the United States and agency statutory mandates against regulations, policies, guidance, executive orders, etc. in context of land use planning requirements;
2. Establish confidence of government officials, legislators, industry and the public in the land use planning process by informing them of the history, statutory prerogatives and bright-line jurisdictional boundaries for land use plans;
3. Demonstrate the efficacy of county land use plans in productive engagement of federal and state agencies;
4. Create a platform for KNRC to encourage member counties in forwarding of individual, regional and standardized land use plans;
5. Understand the components of what constitutes a high quality land use plan, and how agencies are statutorily required to respond to local planning processes.

The *Bringing Decision-making Home Conference* will convene at the [United Wireless Arena & Conference Center](http://ism3.infinityprosports.com/ismdata/2014081800/std-sitebuilder/sites/201401/www/en/guest_services/directions_parking/) (http://ism3.infinityprosports.com/ismdata/2014081800/std-sitebuilder/sites/201401/www/en/guest_services/directions_parking/) in Dodge City, Kansas on Tuesday, March 28 through Thursday morning March 30, 2017. The Conference will be moderated by regional, talk show host [Trent Loos](http://www.loostales.com/) (<http://www.loostales.com/>), and include presentations by Jonathan Wood of the [Pacific Legal Foundation](https://www.pacificlegal.org/Cases/Case-johnson-1-1494) (<https://www.pacificlegal.org/Cases/Case-johnson-1-1494>), Harriet Hageman of [Hageman Law](#).

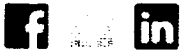
P.C. (<http://www.hagemanlaw.com/>), and attorney Karen Budd Falen. (<http://buddfalen.com/>)

Author, Native American and expert on unfolding conflicts between local government and tribes will be Elaine Willman (<https://knrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Elaine-Willman.pdf>). Elaine will be presenting on the *Jurisdictional conflicts between Indian tribes, local government & agriculture from EPAs 'Treatment As States' Policy*. Elaine's talk will be followed by land use and property rights historian Dr. Angus McIntosh, (https://knrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/ANGUS_MCINTOSH.pdf) Director of the newly formed, Range Allotment Owners Association (<http://www.landandwaterusa.com/rangeusa/FAQ-RangeUSA.html>).

Rounding out the conference will be a presentation on Conservation Easements by Martha Boneta (<https://knrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/MARTHA-BONETA.pdf>), author of "Farming in Fear," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vy2NofkfuQ>) and a boots-on-the-ground, how-to presentation of programs, methods and techniques for respectfully and effectively engaging federal agencies by KNRC Executive Director J. R. Carlson (https://knrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Jim_Carlson_Bio.pdf).

Details, lodging, and reservation information for the 2017 KNRC *Bringing Decision-making Home Conference* are found in the attached Conference Brochure 2017 (<https://knrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Conference-Brochure-2017.pdf>).

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Registration

Fees

- KNRC (2017) Members - \$120/person;
- Non-Member Early-Bird - \$120/person; (Registration before March 10);
- Non-Members - \$145/person; (Registration after March 10);
- At-the-Door Registration - \$160/person;
- Sitting Legislators - No charge: (Before March 10; after \$60/person);
- Fees Include Evening Reception, Conference & Wednesday lunch;
- Vendors and Sponsors receive two (2) admissions.

Reservations

- Attendance is capped at 160 participants; prompt reservation and payment is recommended.
- Four (4) slots will be held for Legislators until March 10.
- Please call **(360) 379-8914** or **(620) 260-9169** for reservations; reservations for which payment has not been received by March 17 will not be held.
- Please make payments to KNRC:
C/O Logan County Kansas Clerk
710 west 2nd Street
Oakley, KS 67748-1233
- No Refunds after March 17.

Accommodations

- KNRC has reserved a block of 47 Rooms at the *Hampton Inn & Suites*, located at the United Wireless Arena & Conference Center Complex. The first come, first served KNRC Rate is:
2 Queen Beds - **99\$**
King Studio - **\$109**
- The cut-off date for the Room Block is March 21, 2016.
- Hotel Reservations at the Hampton Inn can be made by calling:
(620) 225-0000



Harriet M. Hageman - Hageman Law, PC

Harriet Hageman is a trial attorney who has litigated multiple natural resource, water, and administrative law matters, including *Nebraska v. Wyoming*, Federal "roadless" rules, T&E species issues, challenges to state "open range" laws, problems with Clean Water Act and USACE overreach, and administrative grazing decisions against BLM.

Karen Budd - Falen Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC

Karen Budd-Falen is a house-name litigator with an extensive record in representing ranching, farming and local-governmental interests in natural resource, property rights and land use issues on public lands.

A fifth generation rancher raised near Big Piney, Wyoming, Karen received her undergraduate and JD degrees from the University of Wyoming before working for Mountain States Legal Foundation, serving in the Reagan Department of Interior, and the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Natural Resources Foundation.

Karen has testified before Congress on a variety of natural resource, land use and environmental topics, received multiple awards and recognitions, and was been appointed by the Governor of Wyoming to serve as Commissioner on the Wyoming Water Development Commission.



Elaine Willman - MPA

Elaine Willman is a researcher, author, and natural resource policy specialist with expertise in Indian land use policy and economics. A descendant of Sacajawea and of Cherokee ancestry, she has lived over three decades on Indian reservations in the Midwestern and western United States.

Her books *"Going to Pieces...the dismantling of the United States of America"* and *"Slumbering Thunder - a primer for confronting the spread of federal India policy and tribalism overwhelming America"* illuminate the significant conflicts unfolding between native Americans and state, county and local governments.

Angus McIntosh - RAO Association; Researcher



Dr. McIntosh is a sought after range-management conservationist, economist, and property, water and split-estate historian. He conducts seminars on range allotment rights, and is an admitted expert in federal courts on water rights, grazing allotments and on the impact of Federal agency decisions on ranching operations.

Jonathan Wood - Pacific Legal Foundation



Jonathan Wood is a staff attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation. He was the lead attorney responsible for the favorable, landmark, commerce clause decision by Federal District Court in the Utah prairie dog/USFWS case. Mr. Wood also litigated the Andy Johnson case, a high-profile, Clean Water Act jurisdictional case against EPA.



Trent Loos - Radio Talk Show Host

Trent's dream of being a farmer and an "agricultural activist" was realized in January, 2001 when the talk show "*Loos Tales*" was aired in Missouri. Today, Trent delights audiences of over 3 million listeners on 100 radio stations in 19 states with talk shows such as "*Loos Tales*," "*Rural Route*," "*Illinois Truth Be Told*," "*Dakota Trails and Tales*" and "*Colorado Trails and Tales*."

Martha Boneta -



Attorney and farmer Martha Boneta holds undergraduate and JD degrees from George Mason University School of law. She founded Piedmont Agriculture Academy and Liberty Hall Livestock Rescue, and serves on leadership boards for the Virginia Independent Consumer & Farmers Association, Small Family Farm Foundation and others.

Martha's operation, **Liberty Farm**, has been at the epicenter of national controversy surrounding conservation easements, targeted local planning, and litigation by environmental groups. Martha has had two farm & property rights bills named after her in the Virginia Legislature, and has been the subject of a documentary "*Farming in Fear*."

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 - 9:00 pm -

- Speaker & Guest Reception; Social Hour

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 - 8:00 am -

- Registration & Pre-convene

8:00 - 8:20 am -

- Welcome - **S. Tasset**, KNRC President

8:20 - 8:40 am -

- Conference Objectives - **J. R. Carlson**

8:40 - 9:00 am -

- Opening Remarks - Moderator **T. Loos**

9:00 - 9:45 am - **Karen Budd-Falen, Esq.**

- *Constitutional boundaries, statutory limits & components of effective land-use plans.*

9:45 - 10:00 am - **BREAK**

10:00 - 10:45 am - **Harriett Hageman, Esq.**

- *Regulation without representation: Problems, encroachments & thoughts for local government, agriculture & industry.*

10:45 - 11:30 am - **Elaine Willman**

- *Jurisdictional conflicts between Indian tribes, local government & agriculture from EPA's 'Treatment As States' Policy.*

11:30 - 12:15 pm - **LUNCH**

12:20 - 2:00 pm - **PANEL DISCUSSION**

2:00 - 2:45 pm - **Jonathon Wood, Esq.**

- *How States & local governments can avoid ESA listings through proactive protection of species AND property.*

2:45 - 3:00 pm - **BREAK**

3:00 - 3:45 pm - **Martha Boneta, Esq.**

- *Drain the Land-Use Thuggary Swamp - A Virginia attorney/farmers' perspective on Land Use Planning gone bad.*

3:45 - 4:30 - **Angus McIntosh, PhD**

- *The statutory history & limitations of the Endangered Species Act: Applications for Local Government in land use planning.*

Thursday, March 30

9:00 - 9:40 am - **J. R. Carlson**

- *Case studies, successes & strategies for changing decision-making in federal administrative agencies.*

9:50 - 10:30 am - **Mark Rude GMD 3**

- *Water & land use planning in SW Kansas.*

Notably missing from the debate of federal encroachment into state and local rights is a meaningful dialogue about the power *county* governments have been delegated over natural resources, wildlife, public safety and private land.

By giving county commissioners authority to tax, jurisdiction over health, safety and welfare of citizenry, and ultimate police power through the local sheriff, the framers of the constitution and the Congress intentionally decentralized decision-making authority to the state and local governments, placing power as close as possible to the hands of the people.

In recent decades, a lack of understanding of local prerogatives combined with regulatory coercion and economic arm-twisting has stifled local voice and resulted in forced acceptance of federal land use rules and policies at state and local levels.

The KNRC *Bringing Decision-Making Home* Conference focuses on the departure of all levels of government from statutory mandates and will review the bright lines and junctures that distinguish the roles of federal, state and local governments in natural resource and land use planning.

By gaining an accurate, multi-dimensional understanding of the statutory responsibility, governmental parity, and land use consistency responsibilities in federal law, county commissioners, industry and the regulated community can confidently insist that Federal agencies appropriately review, assess, and balance local economies, agricultural and industrial interests and systems in land use planning.

Website: <https://knrc.org/>

THE KANSAS NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION

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Bringing Decision-making Home

Conference - and - Panel Discussion

When:

Tuesday evening, **March 28th**,
through Thursday morning
March 30th, 2017

Where:

**United Wireless Arena
& Conference Center
4000 Comanche Street,
Dodge City, Kansas**

Purpose:

This conference examines statutory requirements as the basis for effective engagement of federal agencies in land use planning and general negotiations. Participants will learn sound principals for local government acting as gatekeeper for local economies, agriculture, business, industry and properties.

Who Should Attend:

Commissioners, legislators, land-use attorneys, agricultural and business interests, industry and agency personnel will all benefit from the presentations.