

Dear Friends,

July 9, 2025

## *Our next KCPR Zoom meeting will be on August 13th at 9:00 AM. This is the normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month date.* July 9, 2025

KCPR conducted its monthly meeting primarily to share legislative information and to establish two committees.

To date, the only official candidates for Kansas Governor and Lieutenant Governor are: Doug Billings and April McCoy. These are Republican candidates. Highly rumored are the following unofficial candidates for Kansas Governor: Republicans: Scott Schwab, Charlotte O'Hara, and as of today, Vickie Schmidt. Democrat: Cindy Holscher Both parties are expected to have additional candidates.

Two Committees were established: The Website Update Committee members are Ernie Claudel, Leigh Anne Rogers, Ruthe Goff, and Shelley Durham. The goal is to have the updated website established by October 1, 2025.

The Planning Committee for the 2025-2026 Legislative Strategy is as follows: Ernie Claudel, Jay Brown, Jerry Henn, Ken Kennedy, Doris Wills, Sue Bolley, and Sharon Miller. The goal of this committee is to have, at least, a large portion of a plan available and in place for the upcoming legislative session to coincide with the release of the updated website. It should be noted that the strategies will have to be 'tweaked' once the legislature is in session.

If you have been communicating with your present legislator, continue to do so. If they won't endorse your needs, look for a viable candidate to run against them.

Please share with me any strategy ideas you have at my email address below.

Also, it has just been discovered that along with the 93% pay increase the Legislators received, there is a provision to increase the salary (without a vote again) in line with any Kansas Public employee raises.

Stay safe and cool!!!

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