



Flint Hills Regional Leaders Retreat 2023

Thursday, January 12

Manhattan Conference Center

8:15 a.m.	Networking Coffee	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome Presenting Sponsor	Jarrold Willich Hi Tech Interior
9:10 a.m.	State of the Regional Economy	Dr. Eric Higgins
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Pottawatomie County Economic Development, Jack Allston	
10:25 a.m.	Kansas State University President Richard Linton	
11:30 a.m.	Networking Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, Jason Smith	
1:10 p.m.	Kansas LT. Gov. David Toland	
1:40 p.m.	Regional Attraction Projects Updates	Karen Hibbard
2:00 p.m.	Entrepreneurship Strategies Update	Daryn Soldan
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce	
3:00 p.m.	Fort Riley Update	Brigadier General Knell
4:00 p.m.	15 Under 40 Reception	

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8:00 a.m.	Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce, Jessa Voos	
8:10 a.m.	Housing Panel, facilitated by Stephanie Peterson, Community Development Director, City of Manhattan	
	Mike Drippe, Drippe Homes	
	Alissa Ice, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation	
	Josh Brewer, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity	
	Randy Speaker, KS Dept. of Commerce Housing Specialist	
9:10 a.m.	Fly MHK update	
9:20 a.m.	Kansas Children's Cabinet Director	Melissa Rooker
10:20 a.m.	Flint Hills Regional Council, Jerry Lonergan	
10:30 a.m.	Kansas Tourism Outlook	Bridgette Jobe
	Kansas Tourism Department Director	
11:20 a.m.	Lunch Buffet	

11:45 a.m.

Facilitated Open Discussion on Regional Issues

1:45 p.m.

Retreat Summary and Closing Comments

***Subject to change**