

RESOLUTION 2004-30

SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA); and
- WHEREAS, Section 1047 of that Act directed the United States Secretary of Transportation to establish a National Scenic Byways Advisory Committee in order to create a National Scenic Byways Program; and
- WHEREAS, the Kansas Scenic Byways Committee, consisting of representatives from the Kansas Departments of Transportation, Commerce and Housing, Wildlife and Parks and the State Historical Society have developed guidelines and policies for designation of Kansas Scenic Byways ; and
- WHEREAS, a local advocate group, composed of community leaders, civic group representatives, residents and other interested parties have submitted application to the Kansas Scenic Byways Committee to develop a Corridor Management Plan including specific strategies and techniques to preserve, enhance and promote the scenic byway ; and
- WHEREAS, each State-designated scenic byway that is consistent with the corridor management plan, or is intended to foster the development of such a plan, is eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road; and
- WHEREAS, the Kansas Scenic Byways Committee has evaluated this route, reviewed the Corridor Management Plan, and recommends that a National Scenic Byway include the route described as follows, to wit:

The route begins at the junction of U.S. Highway 281 (US-281) and Kansas State Highway 4 (K-4). The first 14.7 miles (19.2% of the route) are found on Kansas State Highway 4 (K-4) and is under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The next stretch of highway is on County Road 2-30 (CR 2-30) and is managed by the Barton County Road and Bridge Department, extending 4.4 miles (5.7% of the route). On the southeast side of Cheyenne Bottoms, CR 2-30 meets Kansas Highway 156 (K-156), which is maintained by KDOT and continues south 5.4 miles (7% of the route). The Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway (KWWSB) route carries on south on Rural Secondary Road 980 (RS 980) across U.S. Highway 56 (US-56) and into Stafford County, stretching 17.4 miles (22.7% of the route). Respectively, Barton and Stafford County Road and Bridge Departments maintain this section of roadway. From there, the route connects with RS 554 and travels east for 12 miles (15.7% of the route). This section is maintained by Stafford County with one mile under the jurisdiction of the Reno County Road and Bridge Department. The KWWSB turns south again for 6.9 miles (9% of the route) on RS 506 and is maintained by Reno County, along with one additional mile west on RS 636 where the route travels back into Stafford County. The route travels 15.9 miles (20.7% of the route) and ends at the junction of RS 636 and US Highway 281 (US-281).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that said route is hereby designated to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a National Scenic Byway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Barton County shall prohibit the erection of any sign, display or device along any portion of the scenic byway found within Barton County boundaries on the Interstate System, National Highway System or Federal Aid primary system except signs in conformance with K.S.A. 68-2233(a)(b)(c); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Barton County encourages the Cities of Hoisington, Ellinwood, Claflin, Great Bend, Stafford, St. John, and Hudson and Stafford and Reno Counties in cooperating fully with the requirements of the National Scenic Byway Program and in prohibiting signage along the route within those respective Counties as required by national program guidelines; and

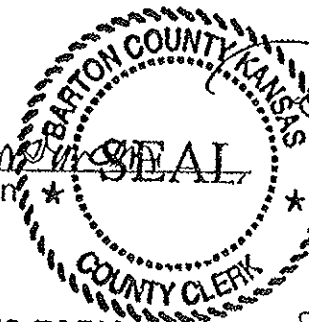
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the National Scenic Byways Committee as part of the Corridor Management Plan to preserve this scenic road.

Motion Moved, Seconded, and Adopted this 13th day of December 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

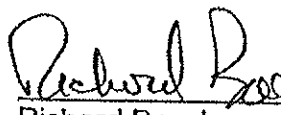

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County Clerk

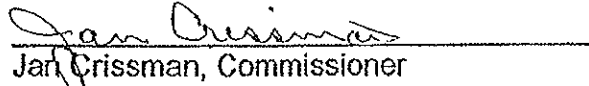




Kenny Schfermer, Chairman


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County Counselor


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Chapter 68.--ROADS AND BRIDGES PART III.--MISCELLANEOUS

Article 22.--HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

68-2233. Erection or maintenance of signs in adjacent area prohibited. After March 31, 1972, and subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 68-2237, and amendments thereto, no sign shall be erected or maintained in an adjacent area, except the following: (a) Directional and official signs, including, but not limited to, signs pertaining to natural wonders, scenic or historical attractions, churches or rural businesses, which are required or authorized by law and which shall conform to rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary consistent with national policy, except that no such sign or notice shall be erected until an approved sign application and permit is obtained as provided for in K.S.A. 68-2236, and amendments thereto. Directional and official signs shall be required to obtain a license but such signs are exempt from payment of the fees required under subsection (c) of K.S.A. 68-2236, and amendments thereto;

- (b) signs advertising the sale or lease of property upon which they are located;
- (c) on-premise signs advertising activities conducted on the property on which they are located, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, goods grown, produced, sold, stored, manufactured, processed or mined thereon; services rendered thereon; and entertainment provided thereon;
- (d) nonconforming signs or advertising devices lawfully in existence on March 31, 1972, or deemed to be nonconforming, provided that no such sign shall be maintained without a license as provided for in K.S.A. 68-2236, and amendments thereto;
- (e) conforming signs or advertising devices erected in business areas and which comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 68-2234, and amendments thereto. No such sign or advertising device shall be erected until a permit is obtained as provided in K.S.A. 68-2236, and amendments thereto;
- (f) conforming signs or advertising devices legally erected after March 31, 1972, which no longer comply with spacing, size or zoning requirements of K.S.A. 68-2234, and

amendments thereto, because of a change in the law, provided that no such sign shall be maintained without a license as required by K.S.A. 68-2236, and amendments thereto. Such signs shall be considered legal conforming signs with grandfather status;

(g) in addition to the limitations contained in this section, in order to further the purposes to promote the reasonable, orderly and effective display of outdoor advertising devices along highways adjacent to scenic and historical areas, while protecting the public investment in these highways and promoting safety and recreational value of public travel and to preserve natural beauty, no advertising sign, except as permitted under subsections (a), (b) or (c) shall be erected adjacent to any highway which is either:

- (1) A scenic highway or scenic byway designated by the secretary;
- (2) within 1,000 feet of the boundary line of a Kansas state park, a national park, a state or national wildlife refuge;
- (3) within 500 feet of any of the following: Public park, garden, recreation area, forest preserve, church, school, any public museum or historical monument, any safety rest or recreation area which is publicly owned, controlled and maintained pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 319 or any sanitary or other facility for the accommodation of the motorist which is publicly owned, controlled and maintained pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 319; or
- (4) within 500 feet of any strip of land, an interest in which has been acquired by the state of Kansas for the restoration, preservation or enhancement of scenic beauty and which is publicly controlled and maintained pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 319.

History: L. 1972, ch. 251, § 3; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 220; L. 2006, ch. 141, § 2; July 1.

1.6 A CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KWWSB

The Corridor Management Plan for the Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway will ensure that the vision articulated by the community becomes a reality. The CMP establishes a framework and structure by which the future of the corridor can be effectively managed. As such, the CMP strives to pull together the many distinct resources, realities, fears and aspirations of the route's communities, both individually and collectively, and assemble them into a feasible and practical program that can be implemented over time.

To accomplish this, the Corridor Management Plan identifies a series of actions to be undertaken for the benefit of the Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway corridor. Based on extensive research with an input from local communities along the route, these actions are intended to direct and identify specific projects. Such actions will increase the opportunities for the corridor communities to conserve the quality of life and historic character that distinguish the route and enhance opportunities for economic development and tourism.

To help implement these actions, a series of task forces will be established, drawn from the KWWSB Committee and existing organizations and representing all interested parties along the Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway. These task forces will work to implement corridor goals at the local level.

1.7 THE KWWSB CMP IS DESIGNED TO:

- Develop a stronger sense of a Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway community of linked Counties and Towns.
- Assist local communities with corridor-wide issues and plans.
- Provide a uniform voice endorsing corridor-wide projects.
- Increase communication among Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway communities regarding tourism and economic development initiatives.
- Provide a framework by which economic development may be encouraged without compromising the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of the region.
- Provide a stronger lobbying block to solicit funding for corridor-wide projects.
- Fulfill the Corridor Management Plan requirements for designation as a State and National Scenic Byway
- Be a flexible plan that may be modified over time as necessary.

1.8 THE KWWSB CMP IS NOT DESIGNED TO:

- Impose any regulation on a county or town along the route aside from limiting commercial signage.
- Require the adoption of any new local ordinances or special districts except to limit signage.
- Prohibit new construction or development.
- Deny any community its right to pursue funding for local projects.
- Require participation in corridor-wide projects or programs.

1.9 REGIONAL NATURE-BASED STRATEGIC PLAN

This region is on the brink of exciting change. A nationally recognized consultant specializing in experiential tourism, Fermata, Inc., has developed a regional nature-based strategic plan. The Kansas Department of Commerce-Division of Travel and Tourism, and the Kansas Governor's Council on Tourism have adopted this plan. Briefly, the regional nature-based strategic plan calls for:

1. Developing a theme regarding motion and change.
2. Developing a portal site for Cheyenne Bottoms that provides tourism information.
3. Partnering with other Kansas natural resource venues such as Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve on the Flint Hills Scenic Byway, Audubon Birding Trails, etc.
4. Developing marketable focused itineraries.
5. Developing a web-based marketing approach.

Implementing this plan can position this region as the launch point for nature-based tourism throughout Kansas. The potential benefits to the corridor communities are real and eagerly anticipated. The potential losses and negative impacts through reckless growth and congestion are also real. The involved counties realize this potential exists and have taken measures to provide for responsible growth, maintaining the careful balance. To prevent irresponsible growth, the Byway counties have each adopted resolutions enforcing their commitment to conservation of the Byway corridor. These resolutions include maintaining the roads, limiting signage and commercialization along the route and enforcing and upgrading land use policies to ensure the aesthetic value of the corridor is sustained for generations to come.

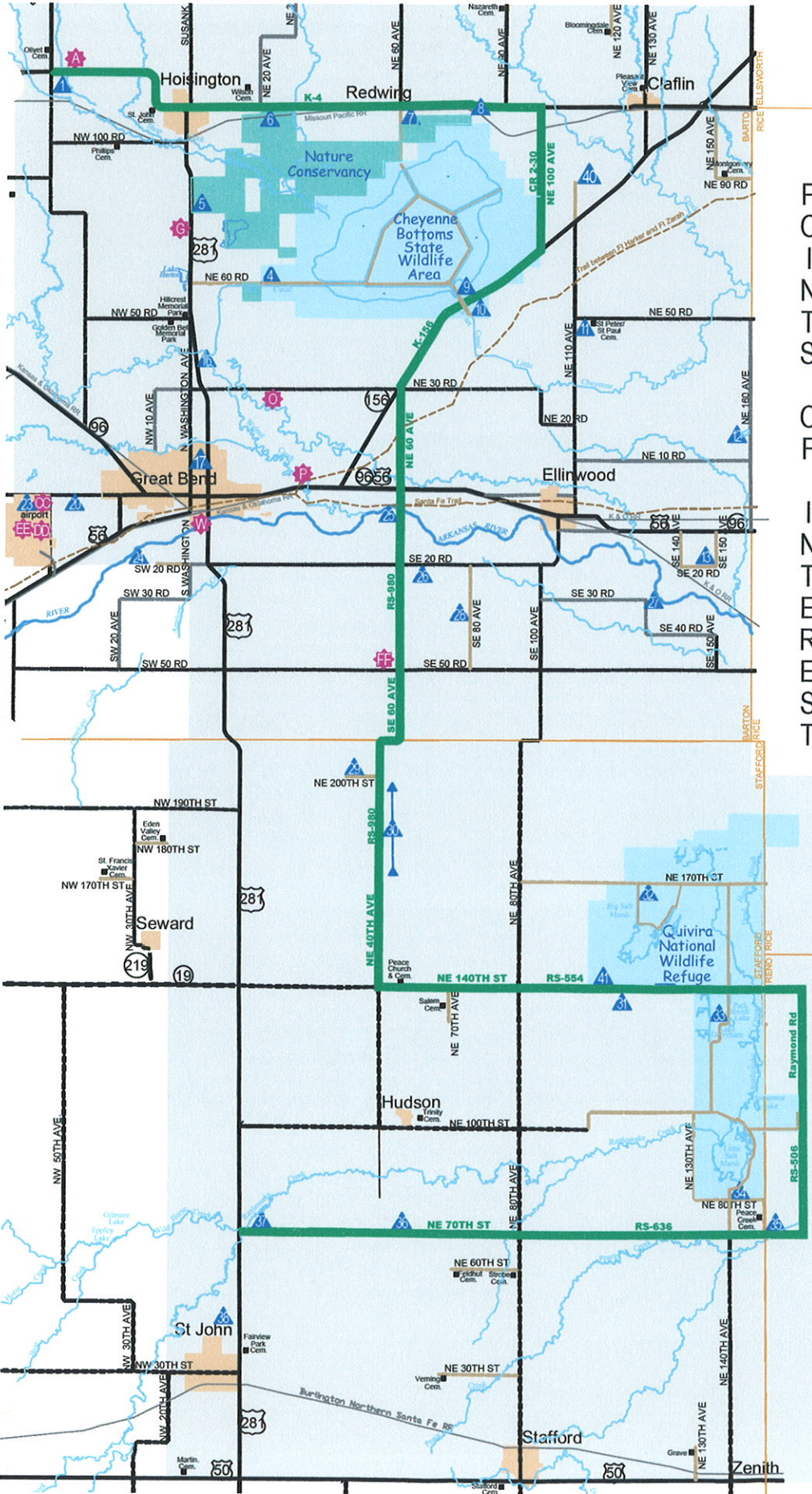
This Corridor Management Plan provides the framework for community leaders to maintain an active role in the conservation enhancement and promotion of the corridor. The commitments made in and because of the Byway designation will

ensure the benefits outlined and ensure positive change and assurance of conservation of the ecosystem, the historic value and the enhancement of the local quality of life.



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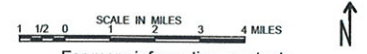


POINTS OF INTEREST

- ▲ 1 Schlessiger - Prairie Dog Town
- ▲ 4 Cheyenne Bottoms Headquarters
- ▲ 5 Nature Conservancy West Entrance
- ▲ 6 Nature Conservancy North Entrance
- ▲ 7 Cheyenne Bottoms North Entrance
- ▲ 8 Cheyenne Bottoms Scenic Overlook
- ▲ 9 Cheyenne Bottoms East Entrance & Observation Tower
- ▲ 10 Cheyenne Bottoms Bird Trail & Kansas Wetlands Education Center
- ▲ 11 St Peter/St Paul Historic Church & Prairie Dog Town
- ▲ 12 Kimple - Wetland
- ▲ 13 Panning - Sinkhole
- ▲ 16 Wet Walnut Creek Hiking/Birding Area
- ▲ 17 Kansas Raptor Rehab/Education Center
- ▲ 20 Arkansas River Hike & Bike Trail
- ▲ 21 Silk Worm Grove
- ▲ 24 Cheyenne Scout Lands
- ▲ 25 Arkansas River
- ▲ 26 Henning - Old Working Wind Mill & Cottonwood Grove
- ▲ 27 Ringering - Campground & Nature Walk
- ▲ 28 Dozier Winery Prairie Walk
- ▲ 29 Mt Pleasant UM Church & Wetland
- ▲ 30 CRP Grassland & Sand Hills
- ▲ 31 Sleeper - Artesian Well
- ▲ 32 Quivira Wildlife Drive
- ▲ 33 Quivira Education Building
- ▲ 34 Quivira Visitor's Center
- ▲ 35 beaver dam on Peace Creek
- ▲ 36 Prairie Wild Flowers & Sand Hills
- ▲ 37 Rattlesnake Creek & Cottonwood Grove
- ▲ 38 McCandless - Prairie Dog Town
- ▲ 40 Camp Aldrich
- ▲ 41 Quivira Scenic Overlook
- ▲ A Raddliffe - Limestone House & Barn
- ▲ G Kansas Brick & Tile Plant & Clay Pits
- ▲ O Shafer Art Gallery at BCCC
- ▲ P Fort Zarah Marker & Park
- ▲ W Barton County Historical Village
- ▲ C Fuller Brush Company
- ▲ B B-29 Memorial
- ▲ S SRCA State Historic Dragstrip
- ▲ H Miller - Longhorn Cattle

Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway & Corridor	
Wildlife Areas	Nature Conservancy
Nature Points of Interest	Trails
Other Points of Interest	Cemeteries

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY BARTON COUNTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE



For more information, contact:
 Great Bend Convention & Visitors Bureau - 620-792-2750
 Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway - 620-793-1800
www.KansasWetlandsandWildlifeScenicByway.com

Visit www.ksbways.org to see where the other Kansas Scenic Byways are located.
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