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FEDDEMA AND JACKSON TO SPEAK AT KRC SUMMER BOARD MEETING 08/11/08

Whiting, Kans.—The Kansas Rural Center announces the program for its annual summer board meeting. The meeting, which focuses on Climate Change and Renewable Energy with a specific emphasis on those issues in Kansas, is at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont Street, Lawrence.

Dr. Johannes Feddema and Nancy Jackson are the speakers on Climate Change and Renewable Energy followed by a walking tour of the Bowersock Dam, located on the Kansas River.

Feddema, a professor of geography at the University of Kansas, focuses his research on how humans impact the Earth's surface. Currently, he collaborates with researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) to develop an urban model in the center's Community Land Model. Also, Feddema is building the datasets congruent to these models using satellite data; historical information on human agriculture; grazing and soil degradation, and data from future scenarios from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

In addition to her position as executive director of the Climate and Energy Project, Jackson is a participant in the Kansas Wind Working Group; serves on the advisory group for the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Accord, and to the Presidential Climate Action Plan. Jackson has a Master of Arts in Environmental History from the University of Kansas. See the Climate and Energy Project's website at www.climateandenergy.org for more information.

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Following the presentations by Feddema and Jackson, Sarah Hill-Nelson leads a walking tour of the Bowersock Dam, one of the few hydroelectric power facilities in this part of the world. Hill-Nelson is the principle in Zephyr Energy which teams with Bowersock and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation to support renewable energy through the sale of Green Tags or Renewable Energy Certificates. For more information on the Bowersock Dam, please see the website at www.bowersockpower.com

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