

## What is the Kansas Sustainable Agricultural District #001

Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 was formally incorporated by the Kingman county commission on February 7, 2022 in response to a petition signed by 41 Kingman county landowners.

The District is a “rural improvement district” within the meaning of Kansas law which is empowered to issue tax-free revenue bonds to finance a plant for production of biomethane (a.k.a. “renewable natural gas (RNG)”) pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2775. The bonds do not impose a lien on any land or tax revenues but only on the biomethane plant itself and its revenues.

The critical first step in the District’s project is that a sufficient number of farmers sign agreements to provide biomass for the plant.

District members are invited to include acreage in the District’s biomass conversion service offer whereby the District covers harvesting, transport and ensiling costs and also re-distributes nutrients recovered after biomethane conversion back to the land harvested. The District’s “Biomass Conversion Service Contract” is posted here ([link](#)). Non-members can be accommodated “space permitting.”

The project was explained by Robert C. Casad, Jr., Ph.D., J.D. at the District meeting held November 22, 2022. A video of this presentation is available on youtube at <https://youtu.be/GPDS3WPT8uE>. A transcript of the presentation and the slides presented are posted here ([link](#)).

The District aims to get 9,000 - 10,000 acres of committed grass for silage (sudan, switchgrass, CRP) as well as at least 9,000 dry tons, preferably much more, per year of manure (cow, pig, chicken). Wheat straw, sorghum stalks and slaughter wastes are also of interest. Urban paper waste may also be usable in modest amounts.

To sign a service agreement, contact President William R. Tetrick, 620-532-1536.