

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
JOINT WITH THE SENTATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AND  
HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The joint meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in Room 783 Docking State Office Building.

All members were present, except:

Senator Steve Morris-excused

Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook-excused

Committee Staff Present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Presenter:

Dr. Gary Pierzynski, Interim Dean, College of Agriculture and Director, K-State Research and Extension (KSRE), Kansas State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Mark Taddiken introduced the speaker, Dr. Gary Pierzynski from K-State, Manhattan, Kansas.

Dr. Gary Pierzynski expressed appreciation at being able to address the joint meeting. He introduced the KSU staff present at this meeting. Then he referred to the booklet "Making a Difference for All Kansans: 2012 Report to the Legislature." (on file at K-State)

He highlighted activities of K-State Research and Extension. This report described programs aimed at improving nutrition; providing 4-H youth programs; planning smoke management in the Flint Hills; and offering training for feedlot personnel. Also, the booklet map shows statewide offices and research facilities districts.

Dr. Pierzynski remarked on the budget, which is fairly complicated. County and district offices are funded through county and state appropriations. K-State has both state and federal appropriations. Also, tuition fits the academic and research sides.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Natural Resources Committee Joint with the Senate Agriculture Committee and House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in Room 783 Docking State Office Building.

He encouraged the Committee to read the leaflet, "Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops: Report 2011 into the Kansas Legislature". (on file at K-State) It includes information about the SARE program.

Finally, Kansas State University is still searching for a new Dean and Director. Dr. Gary Pierzynski will be a candidate for the position. An announcement will be made in February.

The speaker took questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned 9:20 a.m.