

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether- excused

Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research

Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office

Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Justis, President Biodiesel company, Goodland, Kansas

Larry McCants, President First National Bank, Goodland, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Holmes asked the committee if there were any members who were interested in working, **HB 2842**, **HB 2843** or **HB 2844** that were heard in committee yesterday. There were no members interested in any of the bills.

A power point presentation, (Attachment 1) was given to the committee by Mark Justis and Larry McCants about the co-generation multi energy producing plant currently in construction phases in Goodland, Kansas.

Questions and comments were offered by Representatives: Don Myers, Jim Morrison, Melody Miller, Mitch Holmes, Forrest Knox, Lynne Oharah, Tom Hawk, Tom Sloan, Rob Olson, Carl Holmes, Josh Svaty, and Virginia Beamer.

It was suggested by Representative Mitch Holmes that we might be allowed a tour of the facility and it was decided that perhaps next year when the plants were up and running the committee would do that.

Chairman Holmes asked Mr. Justis and Mr. McCants if they would keep the committee up to date on the progress of the plant, and they agreed to do so.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.