

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2005, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Joann Freeborn- excused
- Representative Doug Gatewood- excused

Committee staff present:

- Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
- Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture, and Director, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University
- Jana Beckman, Coordinator, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Minutes of the January 19 and 26 meetings were distributed. Members were asked to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to Friday, February 4, or the minutes will be considered approved as presented.

Duane Simpson, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, requested introduction of legislation concerning uniformity and jurisdiction of Kansas fertilizer law. Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce this legislation as a committee bill. Seconded by Representative Miller, the motion carried.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, in accordance with statute requirements, submitted the following reports:

- Report of the Kansas Dairy Marketing Advisory Board by Christine Wilson, Kansas Dairy Association. (Attachment 1)
- Report of the Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council by Dan Ward, Chairman, Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council. (Attachment 2)
- Updated Retail Inspection Transition and Baseline Report by Dr. Evan Sumner, Director, Division of Food Safety, Kansas Department of Agriculture. This report contains updated baseline information omitting “complaint investigation inspections” as requested by the Senate Agriculture Committee. (Attachment 3)

Dr. Fred A. Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture, and Director, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University, presented an overview of K-State Research and Extension’s Annual Report. He discussed various programs of K-State Research and Extension in the categories of Agricultural Industry Competitiveness; Natural Resources and Environmental Management; Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety; and Youth, Family, and Community Development. (Attachment 4) Dean Cholick reviewed K-State Research and Extension’s Five-Year Work Plan. In addition to the four basic core areas previously mentioned, they are adding Economic Development through Value-Added Products. (Attachment 5)

Jana Beckman, Coordinator, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas State University, reported on 2004 accomplishments in the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops established by the 2000 Legislature. The center, within K-State Research and Extension, works in partnership with state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural organizations to assist family farmers and ranchers to boost farm profitability, protect natural resources, and enhance rural communities. (Attachment 6)

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Agriculture Committee at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2005, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Senate Agriculture Committee at 7:30 a.m. on February 3, 2005.