

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 A.M. on February 2, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Derek Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research

Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statues

Jacqui Jones, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Fred A. Cholick, Dean and Director, Kansas State University Research and Extension

Jana A. Beckman, Kansas State University, Coordinator of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC)

Others attending:

See attached list:

Chairman Taddiken welcomed the presenters from Kansas State University. He invited Fred Cholick, Dean of K-State Research and Extension to be the first to give his testimony to the Committee.

Dean Cholick gave a brief outline of K-State's mission as a Land-Grant University. The mission statement cites that K-State Research and Extension is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis and education. He then described the role of K-State Research and Extension in gaining new knowledge and developing new products that provide practical information, education and training on issues that Kansans consider important and helpful to improve their lives, farms, organizations, businesses, families or communities.

The following information was outlined in a report entitled "Knowledge for Life": an Informal Report to the Kansas Legislature, January 2005 (a copy is on file in the Office of Legislative Research) and it included:

- Information outlined regarding Agricultural Industry Competitiveness
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Food, Nutrition and Health Safety, and
- Youth, Family and Community Development

At this juncture Dean Cholick stood for questions.

Dean Cholick then offered a Five-Year Work Plan by K-State Research and Extension 2005-2009. (A copy is on file in the Office of Legislative Research).

The work plan included chapters entitled:

- Healthful Eating and Physical Activity
- Healthy, Sustainable Communities
- Positive Child, Youth and Family Development
- Positive Adult Quality of Life
- New and Enhanced Products from Agriculture
- Conservation of Soil, Water and Energy
- Improved Quality of Land, Air and Water
- Efficient and Sustainable Cropping and Horticultural Systems
- Efficient and Sustainable Animal Production Systems

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- Farm and Food Systems Management
- Safe, Secure, High-Quality Food Supply, and
- Enhanced Nutritional Quality of the Food Supply

Dean Cholick remarked that, during the next five years, K-State Research and Extension will focus on five core areas of the mission.

- Healthy Communities: Youth, Adults and Families
- Safe Food and Human Nutrition
- Economic Development through Value-added Products
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management, and
- Competitive Agricultural Systems

Dean Cholick again stood for questions.

Jana Beckman, Coordinator of KCSAAC was invited to give testimony before the Committee. A copy of the testimony is attached (see Attachment 1). Ms. Beckman submitted a copy of the accomplishments of the KCSAAC in 2004 (see attachment 2). A brochure regarding an upcoming seminar entitled "Opportunities for Family Farms in Kansas" to be offered February 18-19, 2005 at the Kansas State University Alumni Center in Manhattan, Kansas was presented (see attachment 3). A resource guide entitled Kansas Family Farmer and Rancher Resources and Services Guide (Second Edition) put out by KCSAAC was presented, (a copy of which is on file in the Office of Legislative Research)

Ms. Beckman stood for questions.

A report dated February 1, 2005 was distributed to the Committee from the Kansas Dairy Marketing Advisory Board. (See attachment 4)

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2005.