

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 17, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Shari Weber- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Department of Transportation
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Reports on Kansas Water Office and State Conservation Commission

Representative Pilcher-Cook moved to introduce legislation concerning the ethical research act. The motion was seconded by Representative McCreary. Motion carried.

HB 2953 was referred to Social Services Budget Committee.

Representative Powell, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2006 by adding language to encourage the passage of **HB 2817**, prescribing certain procedures for acquisition of land by the Department of Wildlife and Parks. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Committee voiced concern with:

- The sale of a parcel of land at Rocky Ford, owned by the State, that resulted in a portion of the dam being sold in error.
- Liability of attorney or abstractor who reviewed the sale of the land at Rocky Ford for the Department of Wildlife and Parks.
- Tracts of land at State Park No. 24 that the Department of Wildlife and Parks wished to purchase; however, lay across the railroad tracks along the river and could pose a danger to anyone accessing the land.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Committee requested that the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee review the contracts between the Department of Wildlife and Parks and any private businesses doing business on property located within the State parks.

Representative Powell moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department Transportation for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department Transportation for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Hutchins. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Williams, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Conservation Commission for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Williams, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Conservation Commission for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz.

Representative Hutchins moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2007 by deleting the \$311,500 to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) for conservation easements until such legislation has passed and review the issue at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Williams moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Chairman Neufeld appointed the following members to a Sub Committee to address Level 5 and Level 6 issues:

Representative Bethell, Chairman, Representative Ballard, Representative Henry, Representative Light, Representative Pilcher-Cook, Representative Sharp.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman