

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sue Boldra at 3:30pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sloan – Excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Shirley Jepson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary, Department of Administration

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Representative Lusker made a motion to remove an earlier request for the introduction of legislature concerning a constitutional amendment related to hunting/fishing. Motion was seconded by Representative Dierks. Motion approved without objection.

Update on:

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Committee to present an update on activities of the Department of Agriculture ([Attachment 1](#)).

Ms. McClaskey stated that the agency is committed to serving Kansas farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and the customers/consumers they serve. The agency continues to make strides to help ensure a safe food supply, promote public health, protect animal health and protect consumers. Ms. McClaskey noted that the agency's mission is to grow agriculture in the state and advocate for the industry; noting that agriculture is the largest industry in the state, employee and economic driver, valued at over \$53 billion dollars and making up nearly 37% of the state's economic activity.

Ms. McClaskey explained that the agency's move to Manhattan allows them to partner with Kansas State University in ways pertaining to teaching and agricultural research. The agency is able to work with producers, both large and small, in keeping them up-to-date on the latest processes, adding value to the industry.

Ms McClaskey stated that the agency will continue to identify ways to be more effective and efficient.

Ms McClaskey responded to questions from the Committee.

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The Committee requested a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for the agency.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2014.