

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Abbey Pomeroy, Miss Kansas Rodeo Queen 2015
Representative Ron Highland
Mike Hoeme, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of Kansas Rodeo Queen

As a guest of Representative Schroeder, the Committee welcomed Abbey Pomeroy, Miss Kansas Rodeo Queen 2015. Miss Pomeroy explained that she is a native Kansan, grew up on a farm in rural Kansas and has participated in many horse competitions and rodeos. She is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in interior design. Miss Pomeroy noted that her duties include traveling to various rodeos across the state as well as to other states. She anticipates traveling approximately 30,000 miles as she explains the western way of life during her reign as Miss Kansas Rodeo Queen 2015.

Hearing on: HB2156 — Public water supply storage; interest rate change.

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided a brief explanation of **HB2156** ([Attachment 1](#)). Ms. Scott noted that **HB2156** amends current law by changing the interest rate regarding repayment costs under the multi-purpose small lakes program.

Proponents:

Representative Ron Highland appeared in support of **HB2156** ([Attachment 2](#)). Representative Highland stated that the city of Alma wants to buy out the State's 50 percent portion of the existing Mill Creek Lake; noting that existing statute would dictate that the city pay the State a 4% interest rate resulting in a payment of \$482,053 on an original investment of \$203,405. This legislation would alter the interest rate to 3.26 percent, a savings to the city of Alma of \$59,383.

Representative Highland responded to questions from the Committee.

Written testimony was received from:

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Susan Metzger, Chief of Planning and Policy, Kansas Water Office ([Attachment 3](#)).

Tom R. Barnes II, Stumbo Hanson, LLP ([Attachment 4](#)).

Michael Koss, Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities ([Attachment 5](#))

There being no other conferees to appear before the Committee, Chairperson Schwartz closed the hearing on **HB2156**.

Presentation on:

Mike Hoeme, Kansas Corporation Commission, appeared before the Committee to present an update on Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations affecting farm operations with regard to:

- Transporting Grain, Cattle & Hay ([Attachment 6](#))
- Transporting Anhydrous Ammonia ([Attachment 7](#)).
- Transporting Diesel Fuel ([Attachment 8](#)).

Mr. Hoeme explained that the State of Kansas and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) both have jurisdiction over safety regulations, commercial drivers license (CDL) and hazardous material operators engaged in intrastate and/or interstate commerce. Mr. Hoeme stated that there are exemptions for agricultural use of vehicles registered within the state and operated within a 150 air mile radius of the farm in interstate commerce. Mr. Hoeme indicated that FMCSA has jurisdiction over the intrastate and interstate transportation of placardable amounts of hazardous materials; noting, that under certain circumstances, farmers may receive exemptions for the use of regulated hazardous materials.

Mr. Hoeme responded to questions from the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 12, 2015.