

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Monday, March 09, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jack Thimesch – 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:

Travis Lowe, Kansas Cervid Breeders

Kent Moore, Chairman, Kansas Corn Commission

Clayton Short, District V Commissioner, Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

Jerry Jeschke, Chairman, Kansas Soybean Commission

Brian Linin, Secretary/Treasurer, Kansas Wheat Commission

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB46 — Identification of domesticated deer.

Chair Schwartz opened the hearing on **SB46**. Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided a brief description of the bill, explaining that **SB46** is identical to **HB2029** which had a hearing in the Committee on January 27, 2015; passed out of the Committee on February 10, 2015; passed out of the House; however, is not anticipated to have any action in the Senate this session ([Attachment 1](#)).

Travis Lowe, Kansas Cervid Breeders Association, appeared before the Committee in support of **SB46** ([Attachment 2](#)). Mr. Lowe explained that **SB46** clarifies tagging requirements for domestic elk and deer. Mr. Lowe noted that **HB2029** passed on the House floor 114-0 and **SB46** passed on the Senate floor 40-0.

There were no other conferees, either proponent, neutral or opponents, to come before the Committee.

The hearing on **SB46** was closed.

Discussion & action on:

*Representative Dierks moved to suspend the House rules and proceed with discussion and action on **SB46**. Motion seconded by Representative Lusker. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.*

*Representative Dierks moved to recommend **SB46** favorable for passage and placement on the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Representative Clark. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Presentation on Kansas Corn Commission

Kent Moore, Chairman, Kansas Corn Commission, presented the annual legislative report on the Kansas Corn Commission ([Attachment 3](#)). Mr. Moore noted that the goal of the Kansas Corn Commission is to enhance the profitability of corn for Kansas farmers. The Commission's work on market development is focused on livestock and ethanol industries as well as building export markets for corn and products including corn-fed beef and pork.

Mr. Moore responded to questions from the Committee.

Presentation on Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

Clayton Short, Fifth District Commissioner, Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, appeared before the Committee to present the annual report for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission ([Attachment 4](#)) ([Attachment 5](#)) ([Attachment 6](#)). Mr. Short explained that funds received through the Sorghum Checkoff Program have benefited Kansas sorghum producers by facilitating a focused industry including; a unified voice in sorghum promotion and market development, elimination of duplicate state research and greater resources for higher investment research initiatives.

Mr. Short responded to questions from the Committee.

Presentation on Kansas Soybean Commission

Jerry Jeschke, Kansas Soybean Commission, appeared before the Committee and presented the annual report for the Kansas Soybean Commission ([Attachment 7](#)).

Mr. Jeschke reported:

- There are 3 Kansas members on the national board.
- 2014 average yield of 37 bushel per acre.
- 1/2 of exported soybeans are shipped to China

Mr. Jeschke responded to questions from the Committee.

Presentation on Kansas Sunflower Commission

The written annual report from the Kansas Sunflower Commission was distributed to the Committee, including information on the check-off program, audit report and financial statements. No one was present to appear before the Committee to address the report ([Attachment 8](#)).

Presentation on Kansas Wheat Commission

Brian Linin, Secretary/Treasurer, Kansas Wheat Commission, appeared before the Committee to address the annual report for the Kansas Wheat Commission ([Attachment 9](#)). Mr. Linin noted the concern for the 2015 crop as a result of the drought. He also noted the importance of the Kansas Wheat

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Innovation Center, located in Manhattan, and the wheat research being done.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Lusker moved to approve the Committee minutes of February 16; February 17; February 18; February 19; February 23; and February 24 as written. Motion seconded by Representative Victors. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on March 10, 2015.