

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:32 pmpm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Sara Girard - Central National Bank
Dr. Eve-Lynn Nelson - Kansas Telemedicine
Patrick Fucik - Sprint
Christine Aarnes - Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Olson opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees.

Possible bill introductions

Darci Meese representing Water District No. 1 proposed a bill introduction that would establish easements for a hydro power project.

Senator Francisco motioned to accept the bill introduction and it was seconded by Senator Petersen. The committee accepted the bill introduction.

Gary Mason, Deputy Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) proposed a bill introduction intended to reduce the tire tax when purchasing new tires. The bill directs KDHE to discount the funding of grants for purchasing recycled tire products.

Senator Powell motioned to accept the bill introduction and it was seconded by Senator Francisco. The committee accepted the bill introduction.

Hearing continuation on: SB346 — Telecommunications and universal service support.

Chairman Olson reopened the hearing on the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Utilities at 1:32 pmpm on Thursday, February 04, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Proponent Sara Girard presented on behalf of Central National Bank. ([Attachment #1](#))

Committee comments and questions ensued.

The following Proponent Written Only testimony was presented by:

Diane Trinkle. - Nortonville Public Public Library - Director ([Attachment #2](#))

Scott Sproul - Norton County/Everest - Economic Development Director. ([Attachment #3](#))

Tiya Tonn-Oppould presented as a Kansas Farm Bureau Member of Butler County. ([Attachment #4](#))

Neutral Dr. Eve-Lynn Nelson presented from the perspective of Kansas Telemedicine. ([Attachment #5](#))

Neutral Patrick Fucik presented on behalf of Sprint. ([Attachment #6](#))

Committee comments and questions ensued.

The following Neutral Written Only testimony was presented by:

Neutral Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian on behalf of Kansas State Library. ([Attachment #7](#))

Lisa V. McCabe on behalf of CTIA. ([Attachment #8](#))

Opponent Christine Aarnes presented on behalf of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). ([Attachment #9](#))

Chairman Olson suspended current testimony and hearing until Friday, February 5, 2016.

Possible action on bills previously heard

No action was taken on bills previously heard.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting a 2:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2016.