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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Lee Hamm at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on Tuesday, February 5, 1991 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Pat Brunton, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Walter R. Woods, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Kansas State University  
Dr. Bill Eberle, Assistant Director of Extension Community Development, Kansas State University  
Dr. Gerry L. Kuhl, Associate Professor, Animal Sciences & Industry, Kansas State University  
Dr. James P. Shroyer, Associate Professor, Agronomy, Kansas State University  
Dr. Marilyn Corbin, Associate Professor, Director of Cooperative Extension, Kansas State University

Chairman Hamm introduced Dr. Walter R. Woods, Kansas State University, who in turn introduced his colleagues Dr. Bill Eberle, Dr. Gerry L. Kuhl, Dr. James P. Shroyer and Dr. Marilyn Corbin.

Dr. Woods informed the committee that the Cooperative Extension Service is trying to deal with issues that are high priority for the citizens of Kansas and those programs that are mandated for their involvement. He further informed the committee they would hear about two important but contrasting issues today. A discussion of the crops and livestock breeding programs, and human resources and leadership. He stated these, however, were not the only programs of the Extension.

Dr. William M. Eberle reported on Extension issues. He stated that the Extension agents and specialists devoted more than one-third of their time last year to interdisciplinary work in priority educational issues which include agricultural profitability and competitiveness, rural revitalization, water quality, conservation of natural resources, human health and wellbeing, youth at risk, developing human resources, and waste management.

Dr. Kuhl reported the Extension programs are designed to keep producers abreast of the latest research based technologies to optimize productivity and maximize profitability. To assist farmers and ranchers in the area of livestock reproductivity, interdisciplinary educational programs have been developed with participation from agricultural economics, animal science, veterinary medicine, entomology, agronomy and agricultural engineering.

Dr. Shroyer reported on crop reproductivity stating that Extension efforts related to crop reproductivity are interdisciplinary in planning and delivery, with agronomy, plant pathology, and entomology as the primary disciplines. The objective is to provide Kansas farmers with unbiased, timely and accurate information so they can make sound management decisions. Farm action research and demonstration plots, established cooperatively with crop breeders and specialists from other disciplines, will be an important feature of those programs.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 423-S Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~ on Tuesday, February 5, 1991

Dr. Marilyn Corbin reported on developing human resources. She stated that human resource programs increase people's ability to reach their potential through involvement in families, organizations, communities, and work. Investment in human resources provides people with the skill, ability, and understanding to function effectively in a complex, changing society.

Dr. Woods summarized by saying the Cooperative Extension Service is an issue-driven program with delivery capability in every county, five Extension areas, and throughout the state. (Attachment 1 - on file in Legislative Research Dept., Room 545 N, Capitol Building.)

A question and answer period followed the reports.

A motion was made by Representative Minor to approve the committee minutes of January 29, 1991. Representative Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture Committee will be Wednesday, February 6, 1991, in room 423-S, State Capitol.

