

Approved: 2-24-97
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 1997 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
James J. O'Connell, Secretary, Department of Health and Environment

Others attending: See attached list

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Senator Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12 meeting as submitted. Senator Umbarger seconded and the motion carried.

Secretary James O'Connell, Department of Health and Environment, appeared before the committee with general comments regarding the Post Audit Report on Confined Feeding Operations.

Secretary O'Connell stated that the seepage rate was noted in the report as being greater than in several other states, however, he noted that the lateral distance to ground water was more stringent than in other states.

Mr. O'Connell said the agency agrees that there are a number of areas of program administration and documentation that require improvement. He noted that his agency does not take the need to improve administrative, documentation and on-site inspection frequencies lightly, as these are important assurances of effectiveness and reliability.

Secretary O'Connell stated the Department has made a request in their budget this year for 9 new positions to assist them in addressing the problems discussed in the Post Audit Report. Three of these positions will be assigned in Southwest Kansas, one will be in the Central Office in Topeka, and the remainder will be distributed to the various district offices across the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m..

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 1997.

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Wynne Signs	Legislature Post Audit
Chris Cokinos	KS Audubon Council
Greg Bryant	KS Sierra / Mo. River Coalition
Nancy Jackson	Sierra / Wolf River Environmental Society
Bill Jackson	Wolf River Envir. Society
Matt Nowak	Leavenworth Audubon Soc.
Alan Myers	Burnoughs (KC) Audubon Soc.
Don Carlson	KDHE
Ron Klataske	Audubon Society
Chris Williams	KDC #H
Janice Fink	National Audubon Society
Carol Hoogheem	Northern Flint Hills Audubon
Dwain L. Hoogheem	Northern Flint Hills Audubon
Matthew Walker	Lysen
Derrick Lusserson	Lysen
Sam Seagraves	Friends of Kaw, Kansas Canoe Assoc.
Charles Benjamin	KNRC / KS Sierra Club
Stacy Sals	University of Kansas
Cynthia Abbit	Kansas Audubon Council

Kerri Ebert
Kansas Dairy Association

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Edward Rowe	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KANSAS
Patty Boyer	FRIENDS OF THE KAW
Lance Burr	Friends of the Kaw
H.B. Marshall	Friends of the Kaw
Karl Mueldeker	