

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, 1999 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Dean - excused
Rep. Kuether - excused

Committee staff present: Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Steve Williams, Secretary, Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Allen brought the committee's attention to **HB 2106 - boating safety education certification** taking action today.

Representative Gatewood made a motion to table HB 2106, Representative Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Geringer made a motion to pass HB2106 out favorably as amended. Representative Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representatives Gatewood, Hutchins, Osborne requested their "NO" vote be recorded. Chairperson Allen requested Renae Jefferies, Revisor, verify the correctness of wording in the amended section "C" of HB 2106.

Secretary Williams, KDWP, was recognized by Chairperson Allen to present the *Lake Resorts Status Report - 1998* to the committee. The legislation was passed during the 1998 legislative session. **HB 2899 - state lake resorts, implementation**, required Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks and Kansas Department Commerce and Housing to report back to the House Tourism and Senate Transportation and Tourism Committees the progress made on lake resorts (**Attachment 1**).

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Allen at 4:55 p.m.

TOURISM COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: Wednesday Feb 17, 1999

NAME	REPRESENTING
Cheri Swayne	
Chad Luce	} Wildlife + Parks
Clint Kiley	
Steve Williams	
JACK Gumb	U.S. CG - Auxiliary
Claudia Larkin	KDOCH
Bill Howgill	KDOCA
Alex Kobyanetz	J.C./Geary Co. Convention Bureau
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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Barbara Allen, Chair
House Tourism Committee

From: Steve Williams, Secretary

Date: February 15, 1999

Subject: Status Report on Lake Resorts

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the status of the lake resort legislation passed last session. Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer is out of town today, and he has asked that I pass on his regrets for missing this committee meeting.

HB 2899 which was passed by the 1998 Kansas Legislature, required the Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and the Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOCH) to report to the legislature the progress made on the development of lake resorts. I am providing this status report in compliance with that provision.

HB 2899 contained numerous provisions outlined below:

- ▶ KDWP, KDOCH, & Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) develop information for a lake resort development incentive plan
- ▶ notify adjacent communities of state's incentive plan
- ▶ negotiate with federal agencies (COE/BOR) for resort development
- ▶ KDWP & KDOCH develop request for developer proposals
- ▶ KDWP & KDOCH advertise RFPs publicly
- ▶ KDWP & KDOCH consider and negotiate proposals submitted
- ▶ select, negotiate, and contract for resort construction
- ▶ negotiate contract for resort development construction
- ▶ selection of site and revenue bonds (available from the Kansas Development Finance Authority) approved by Legislature or State Finance Council
- ▶ joint report to legislature concerning negotiations, site selection, and status report (1999)

KDWP has selected potential sites for resort development in appropriate state parks. We did not identify sites for Mushroom SP, Meade SP, or Scott SP due to their small size. These site maps were provided to KDOT for estimates of costs associated with access road construction. KDOT

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reported estimated costs for access road construction ranging from approximately \$340,000 to \$1.8 million. The department has received a tentative approval of the concept from the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, the federal agencies from which we lease our state park lands. Resort developers would have to work directly with these agencies for plan submission and approval. KDOCH is in the process of identifying an appropriate consultant for assistance in development of the RFP. None of the agencies named in the legislation has previous experience in this endeavor and we are looking for professional expertise to guide the process. KDOCH is also in the process of estimating costs associated with providing utility service to each of the sites.

Based on the outcome of discussions with the 1999 legislature, we will prepare a letter to communities adjacent to our state parks to notify those communities of the progress and plans for requesting proposals from resort developers. Our immediate future plans include RFP development and submission to resort developers. Developers will be asked to review the information provided from the state and from any interested community. KDWP and KDOCH will review proposals returned based on scope of the development proposed, financing requested, economic impact on the state and local level, and past development and management experience. We expect this process to proceed throughout 1999. In the absence of information from private developers and local communities, we cannot report further details.

The Department of Wildlife and Parks will continue to act as a liaison between the state and the appropriate federal agency. In addition, we will continue to work with Commerce and Housing in developing the RFP. The Department of Commerce and Housing will take the lead in contracting and supervising the consultant responsible for RFP development. Local communities will be responsible for contacting those interested developers identified by the state to present their planned incentive proposals.

If you have further questions, I will be happy to try and answer them. Representatives from the Department of Commerce and Housing are also present today. Thank you.

cc: Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer, Secretary of Commerce and Housing
Dean Carlson, Secretary of Transportation
Sen. Ben Vidrickson, Chair, Senate Transportation and Tourism Committee