

Approved: March 28, 2008

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 1:50 P.M. on March 24, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sharon Schwartz - excused

Vaughn Flora - unexcused.

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes

Joyce Bishop, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Written testimony only was received from:

Thomas Bishop, Executive Director, Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Written testimony from Thomas Bishop opposing **Sub. For SB 453** was distributed (Attachment 1).

Reed Holwenger, Legislative Research, presented the subcommittee report on **Sub. For SB 453** (Attachment 2).

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes, distributed the balloon amendment for **Sub. For SB 453** (Attachment 3).

Representative Doug Gatewood moved to pass the bill out of the subcommittee as amended. John Grange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Sydney Carlin made the motion to pass the bill as amended out of the committee favorably. The motion was seconded by Representative John Grange. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative John Grange will prepare the bill brief for this bill.

Representative Jason Watkins was appointed to carry the bill on the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

No more meetings have been scheduled for this committee.



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Honorable members of the **HOUSE AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET COMMITTEE** subcommittee on Sub. SB 453. *Establishing the Kansas Commission on Rural Policy*

I am disappointed I cannot be with you today as you consider this bill. I want to offer some quick thoughts to consider as you determine whether to invest additional state funds in creating another commission/agency/regional staff serving rural Kansas.

And I'd like to suggest that the funds to create this Commission and staff might be better used to fund real economic development and community development activity in rural communities. Perhaps the administration of these funds could be handled by the other regional staffs that have been charged over time with rural policy and program, including:

- Regional Small Business Development Centers (10 of these are now operational)
- In State Business Development offices (6 of these exist today)
- Workforce Centers (There are three of these)
- Kansas Entrepreneurial Center (Serves the state from WSU headquarters)
- Kansas Rural Development Council
- Kansas Rural Center
- Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development (Manhattan)
- USDA Rural Development (Regional and area offices statewide)
- And the newly formed "Offices of Rural Opportunity" (Four offices with staff)

The web site from **Kansas Department of Commerce** describes:

With which other organizations will the Office of Rural Opportunity partner?

Because it is housed within the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Office of Rural Opportunity will have access to all of the Department's long-standing community and economic development services and resources. The Office will also partner with groups such as the Kansas Small Business Development Center, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and NetWork Kansas to provide comprehensive assistance to rural communities.

I live and work in rural Kansas, in housing and community development, through Homestead Affordable Housing and many existing organizations. We have assisted nearly 700 rural homebuyers in 155 rural Kansas communities in purchasing their first home. 129 of these communities had populations of less than 5,000.

I was a member of the Kansas Rural Life Task Force. Our members worked on many issues and ideas which became agency agenda, for existing programs with neither the funding or staff competency to make a difference. But the Task Force birthed the **Office of Rural Opportunity** model which is still being staffed; creating another layer of professionals to help rural communities without the resources to do so.

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HOUSE AG & NATURAL RESOURCES
BUDGET COMMITTEE

DATE: 3/24/08

ATTACHMENT: 1-1

Might rural communities be afforded a commitment in Kansas so they are served not the “special kids” with their special staff and special programs; but served as all communities, regardless of size?

Is it too far fetched to think all we Kansas taxpayers pay for, in all our state agencies, Commerce, Agriculture, KHRC, etc., as well as existing non-profit organizations could be held responsible for serving rural Kansas without another layer of cost and bureaucracy?

Perhaps the funds for the new model proposed here could be used within exiting structures to serve rural communities. I’ve attached some information on some of these structures and organizations and some data on Homestead Affordable Housing for your information.

Thanks for your service to rural communities,

Tom Bishop
Executive Director
Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc
(A rural non-profit Kansas Community Housing Development Organization)

Homestead Affordable Housing

First Time Buyer Statistics 9/01/01 through 12/31/2007

<u>Town</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u># of Buyers</u>	<u>Average Home Price</u>	Towns less than <u>< 5,000</u>	<u># Buyers</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>11</u>
Abilene	6,456	7	\$66,000			2002	78
Arkansas City	11,788	2	\$75,000			2003	110
Atchison	10,111	19	\$73,500			2004	124
Andover	8,222	1	\$110,000			2005	206
Augusta	8,486	6	\$86,000			2006	56
Beloit	3,869	4	\$59,400	1	4	2007	107
Baldwin City	3,503	4	\$100,899	1	4	2008	2
Barnes	144	1	\$89,000	1	1	Total	694
Belleville	2,034	3	\$38,800	1	3		
Belvue	228	1	\$54,600	1	1		
Blue Rapids	1,061	1	\$123,383	1	1		
Bonner Springs	6,782	3	\$132,465				
Buhler	1,336	1	\$79,000	1	1		
Burlington	2,764	2	\$34,000	1	2		
Carbondale	1,439	1	\$65,760	1	1		
Centralia	512	1	\$25,000	1	1		
Chanute	9,053	14	\$76,271				
Chapman	1,252	4	\$90,600	1	4		
Clay Center	4,405	16	\$57,545	1	16		
Colby	5,244	1	\$67,000				
Colony	395	1	\$54,500	1	1		
Columbus	3,286	1	\$50,500	1	1		
Concordia	5,459	16	\$46,900				
Council Grove	2,275	2	\$52,700	1	2		
De Soto	4,858	1	\$131,000	1	1		
Dodge City	25,568	1	\$45,000				
Edgerton	1,547	3	\$120,000	1	3		
Effingham	585	2	\$71,000	1	2		
Ellinwood	2,082	1	\$65,000	1	1		
Ellis	1,852	20	\$50,325	1	20		
Ellsworth	2,887	1	\$38,000	1	1		
Enterprise	823	2	\$89,900	1	2		
Erie	1,178	1	\$76,500	1	1		
Eskridge	572	2	\$58,000	1	2		
Eudora	4,963	7	\$135,350	1	7		
Everest	309	1	\$41,000	1	1		
Fredonia	2,520	2	\$59,530	1	2		
Frontenac	3,103	2	\$88,000	1	2		
Fort Scott	8,065	12	\$49,600				
Gardner	11,670	9	\$132,900				
Garfield	184	1	\$43,500	1	1		
Garnett	3,388	2	\$52,500	1	2		
Gas City	562	1	\$112,000	1	1		
Girard	2,734	1	\$52,500	1	1		
Glen Elder	422	1	\$26,000	1	1		
Goddard	2,932	2	\$111,800	1	2		
Goff	178	1	\$32,000	1	1		
Goodland	4,589	5	\$59,000	1	5		
Gorham	335	2	\$79,400	1	2		
Grandview Plaza	1,149	1	\$107,596	1	1		
Great Bend	14,927	96	\$68,500				
Halstead	1,888	2	\$85,000	1	2		
Hanover	605	2	\$40,250	1	2		
Hartford	509	1	\$119,095	1	1		
Harveyville	253	1	\$69,400	1	1		
Haven	1,170	1	\$84,900	1	1		
Hays	19,915	65	\$75,300				
Helper	153	1	\$22,500	1	1		
Herington	2,492	1	\$67,000	1	1		
Hesston	3,614	1	\$77,900	1	1		
Hiawatha	3,331	16	\$59,660	1	16		
Hillsboro	2,839	1	\$43,350	1	1		
Hoisington	2,953	5	\$30,833	1	5		
Holton	3,341	12	\$97,245	1	12		
Horton	1,883	6	\$53,600	1	6		
Iola	6,033	21	\$51,500				
Independence	9,393	3	\$54,500				
Jamestown	387	1	\$42,000	1	1		
Junction City	17,667	63	\$88,400				
Kinsley	1,551	4	\$16,000	1	4		
LaCrosse	1,319	6	\$25,916	1	6		
LaCygne	1,123	1	\$82,000	1	1		

Concaster	296	3	\$48,000	1	3
Larned	3,932	4	\$82,250	1	4
Leonardville	439	1	\$46,000	1	1
LeRoy	586	1	\$127,500	1	1
Liebenthal	107	1	\$79,500	1	1
Logan	566	1	\$67,000	1	1
Longford	89	1	\$30,000	1	1
Louisberg	2,889	1	\$130,400	1	1
Lyons	3,565	1	\$59,900	1	1
Maize	2,042	4	\$103,500	1	4
Maple Hill	477	1	\$84,000	1	1
Manhattan (rural route)	16,216	1	\$42,000		
Marysville	3,133	3	\$64,800	1	3
McCracken	203	1	\$17,000	1	1
McLouth	855	1	\$100,000	1	1
McPherson	13,731	1	\$106,800		
Meridan	691	1	\$169,500	1	1
Miltonvale	491	1	\$49,500	1	1
Morganville	194	1	\$35,500	1	1
Mound Valley	414	1	\$69,500	1	1
Mount Hope	843	1	\$64,500	1	1
Mulvane	5,536	3	\$87,600		
Munjor	50	1	\$32,500		
Natoma	337	1	\$30,000	1	1
Neodesha	2,734	2	\$44,000	1	2
Neosho Rapids	281	1	\$67,700	1	1
Ness City	1,403	2	\$30,500	1	2
Norton	2,901	2	\$57,500	1	2
Oakley	2,030	1	\$55,000	1	1
Orberlin	1,884	1	\$35,000	1	1
Olpe	513	1	\$60,000	1	1
Olsburg	186	1	\$77,000	1	1
Odgen	1,786	3	\$71,440	1	3
Ogallah	394	1	\$79,900	1	1
Onaga	687	3	\$67,800	1	3
Osawatomie	4,595	2	\$76,000	1	2
Oskaloosa	1,157	4	\$116,575	1	4
Osborne	1,497	1	\$25,000	1	1
Otis	316	1	\$34,500	1	1
Ottawa	12,031	1	\$112,500		
Ozawkie	562	1	\$150,000	1	1
Palco	235	1	\$65,000	1	1
Palmer	103	1	\$90,300	1	1
Paola	5,065	7	\$82,500		
Park City	6,877	5	\$81,840		
Parsons	11,296	2	\$44,900		
Paxico	213	1	\$79,000	1	1
Plainville	1,917	5	\$52,400	1	5
Pleasanton	1,381	1	\$69,900	1	1
Phillipsburg	2,510	2	\$49,450	1	2
Pittsburg	19,276	7	\$56,000		
Pratt	6,422	1	\$53,000		
Prescott	281	1	\$64,000	1	1
Radium	38	1	\$10,000	1	1
Randolph	174	2	\$81,825	1	2
Riley	884	1	\$69,000	1	1
Robinson	206	1	\$38,500	1	1
Rossville	1,001	2	\$111,000	1	2
Russell	4,404	3	\$59,666	1	3
St Francis	1,390	1	\$34,000	1	1
St George	457	1	\$52,000	1	1
St Marys	2,253	5	\$82,630	1	5
St Paul	657	2	\$88,900	1	2
Salina (rural route)	8,163	1	\$63,000		
Sabetha	2,559	1	\$48,650	1	1
Selden	190	1	\$33,000	1	1
Silver Lake	1,340	1	\$115,000	1	1
Schoenchen	216	2	\$62,000	1	2
Scott City	3,640	2	\$58,250	1	2
Scranton	711	1	\$118,000	1	1
Seneca	2,084	7	\$40,500	1	7
Smith Center	1,773	1	\$38,000	1	1
South Hutchinson	2,507	1	\$27,000	1	1
Spring Hill	3,745	3	\$117,600	1	3
Tipton	243	1	\$38,500	1	1
Tonganoxie	3,317	6	\$146,333	1	6
Towanda	1,338	2	\$76,450	1	2

Ball	789	1	\$65,000	1	1
Valley Center	5,167	6	\$93,150		
Valley Falls	1,217	4	\$90,750	1	4
Victoria	1,181	9	\$55,722	1	9
Wakeeney	1,800	1	\$52,500	1	1
Walker	45	1	\$26,000	1	1
Wamego	4,237	14	\$97,900	1	14
Wellington	8,299	1	\$76,000		
White Cloud	239	1	\$53,000	1	1
Winfield	12,016	1	\$79,000		
Yates Center	1,520	2	\$27,000	1	2

Average Population 3,216 **Total Buyers** 694 **Total FHLB AHP Grants** \$2,776,000 129 317

155 Rural Communities **Average Income** **Average Home Sale Price** \$66,305
129 towns under 5,000 population **\$26,134** **Total Sale Price of Homes** \$46,015,346

Loan \$ for each AHP \$ \$16.58



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 19 -
River Friendly Farm Notebook
Workshop**
10 am - 4 pm, Westmoreland, KS

**Wednesday, March 26 - South
Central Kansas Regional Wind
Energy Event**
9:00-4:00, Kingman, KS

**Tuesday-Thursday, March 25-27 -
SARE 20th Anniversary
Conference "The New American
Farm: Advancing the Frontier of
Sustainable Agriculture"**
Westin Crown Center in KC, MO

To learn about these and other
upcoming events
go to our [Calendar](#) web page.

The Kansas Rural Center, Inc. (KRC) is a non-profit organization that promotes the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education, and advocacy. The KRC cultivates grassroots support for public policies that encourage family farming and stewardship of soil and water. The KRC is committed to economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially sustainable rural culture.

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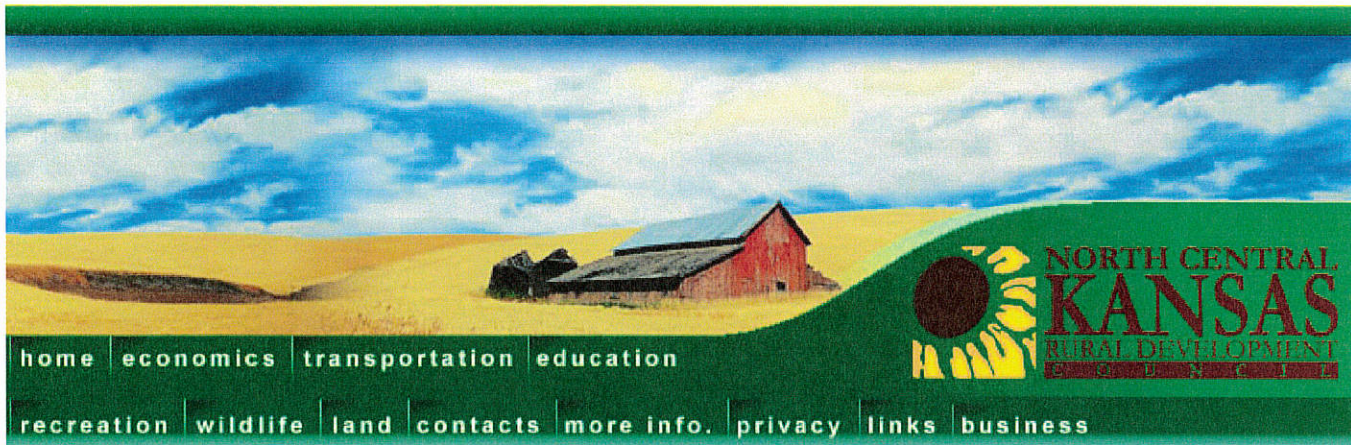
**KRC and K-State Seek
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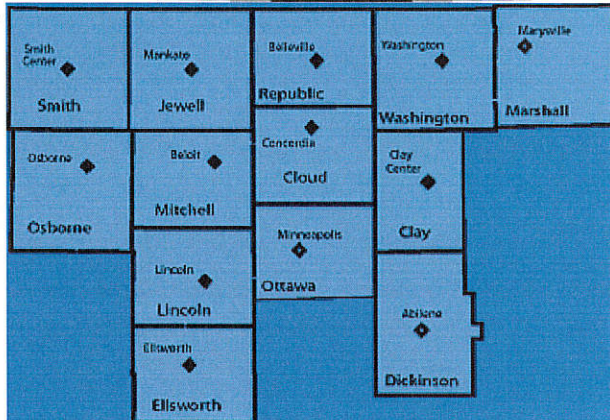
**Farm Energy Grants and Loan
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Welcome to the North Central Kansas Rural Development Council Website

Who we are:

The Rural Development Council is a cooperative venture between thirteen (13) counties in North Central Kansas as shown on the map to the right. The purpose of our organization is to enhance the economic base and quality of life for all citizens of the region. Please explore our website and email anyone on the Contacts page for more information about North Central Kansas.



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Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas



Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas

"Serving Brown and Nemaha Counties since 1992!"

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The Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas (RDA) is the community, business, and economic development organization of Brown and Nemaha Counties in Northeast Kansas. Northeast Kansas has a rich heritage with a solid business environment. Located near five metropolitan areas, Brown and Nemaha Counties can offer the conveniences of business and industry and the hospitality and traditional values of rural America.

With a population of just over 20,000, Brown and Nemaha Counties can boast four emergency care hospitals with specialty services that include orthopedics, cardiology, physical and respiratory therapy. The counties also have a combined seven high schools that consistently score near the top on the State of Kansas school test rankings. Post-secondary education opportunities include Highland Community College in nearby Doniphan County.

With convenient highway access, excellent infrastructure, a highly qualified workforce, and an excellent family setting, Northeast Kansas has a wonderful balance of recreation and services appropriate for any family or business.

RDA can help new and existing [businesses](#) to start or expand in Northeast Kansas. In addition, RDA has written many successful [grants](#) for communities and businesses to install vital public facilities that keep essential services up to date. Please [Contact RDA](#) at (785) 284-3099 if you would like more information about our services or opportunities in Brown and Nemaha Counties.



The Hiawatha Aquatic Park, pictured above, was funded through a combination of local funds and a Community Service Tax Credit application prepared by RDA. The attraction is one example among many of how RDA is forging public-private partnerships for the improvement of Northeast Kansas.

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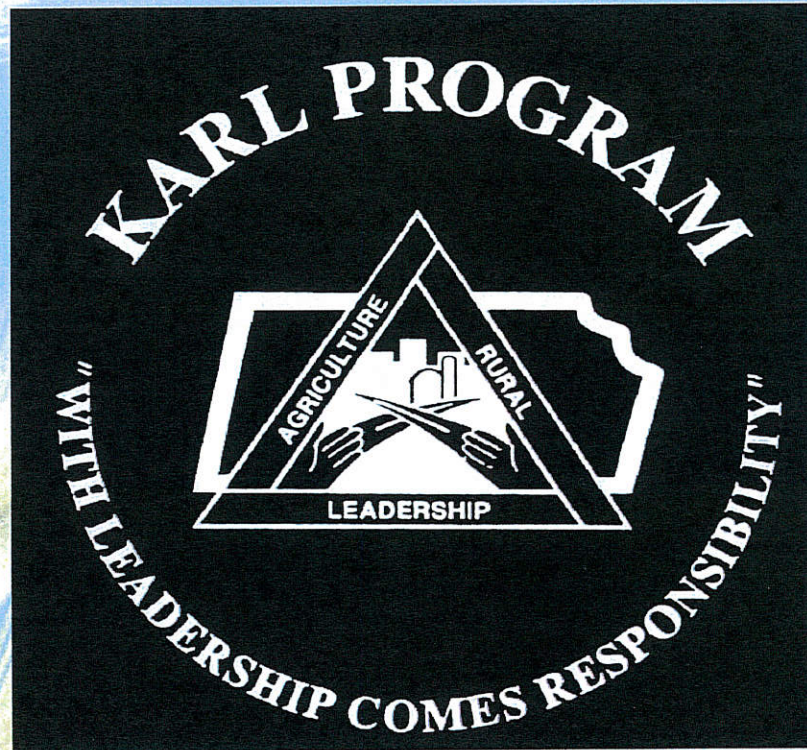


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KARL Program

- **Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc., (KARL), is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to identifying and developing leadership for agriculture and rural communities in order to enhance the quality of life for all Kansans.**



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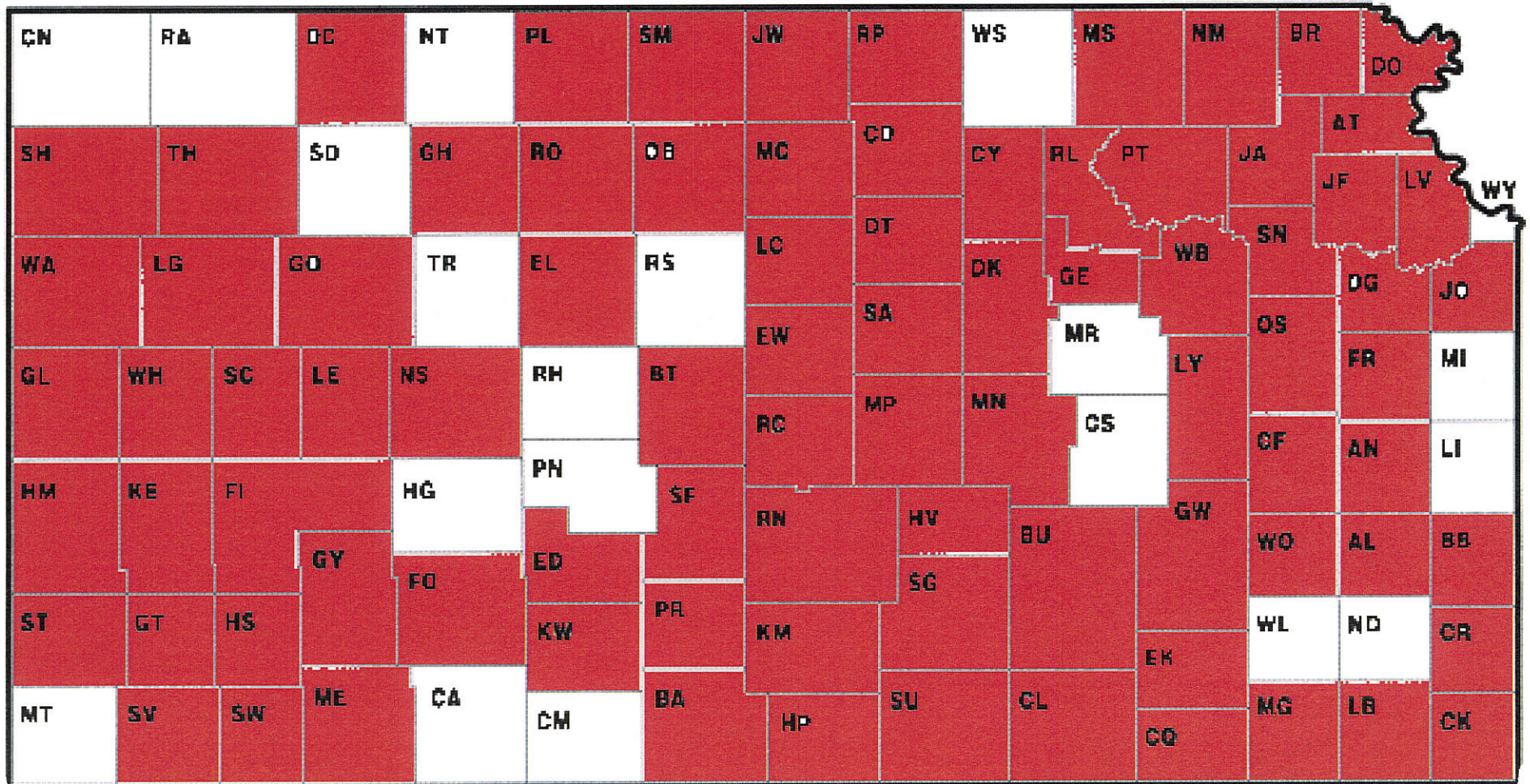


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Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership

- **A two year study, training and travel experience for current leaders of the agricultural industry and rural communities.**
- **A unique opportunity to expand perspectives, contacts, and resources to remain competitive and on the “cutting edge”.**
- **A seed to the salvation of rural Kansas!**

KARL Participants Border to Border





Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development

MISSION:

Enhance rural development by helping rural people help themselves.

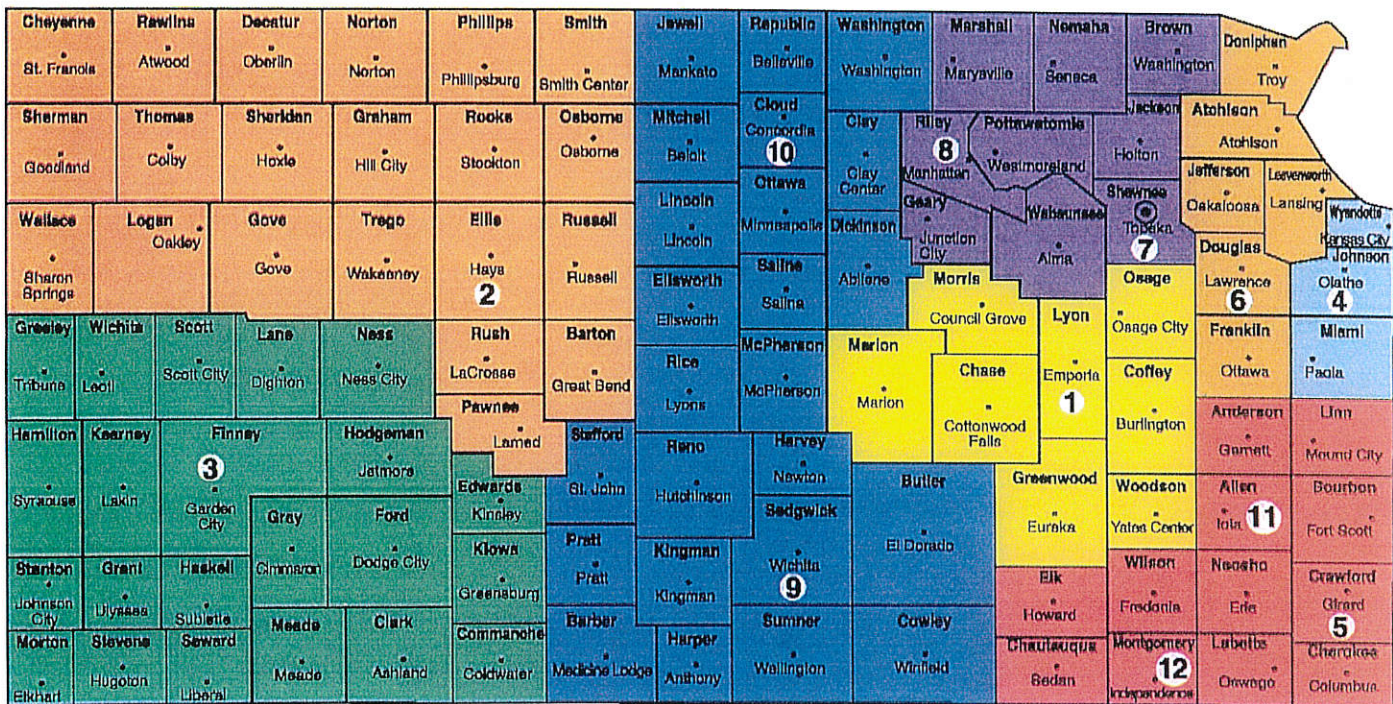
OBJECTIVES:

1. Strengthen the roles of the private sector, entrepreneurship, and local leadership in rural development.
2. Encourage cooperation among rural development providers.
3. Identify emerging rural policy needs and communicate/facilitate needed strategies for the future through outreach to rural communities.
4. Articulate and promote the important benefits of agriculture and rural life and an appreciation of their vital importance to the nation.
5. Utilize strategic alliances and partnerships in accomplishing our mission.

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- McDill "Huck" Boyd*

*"Leadership is when your skills meet an opportunity."
- Al Davis*



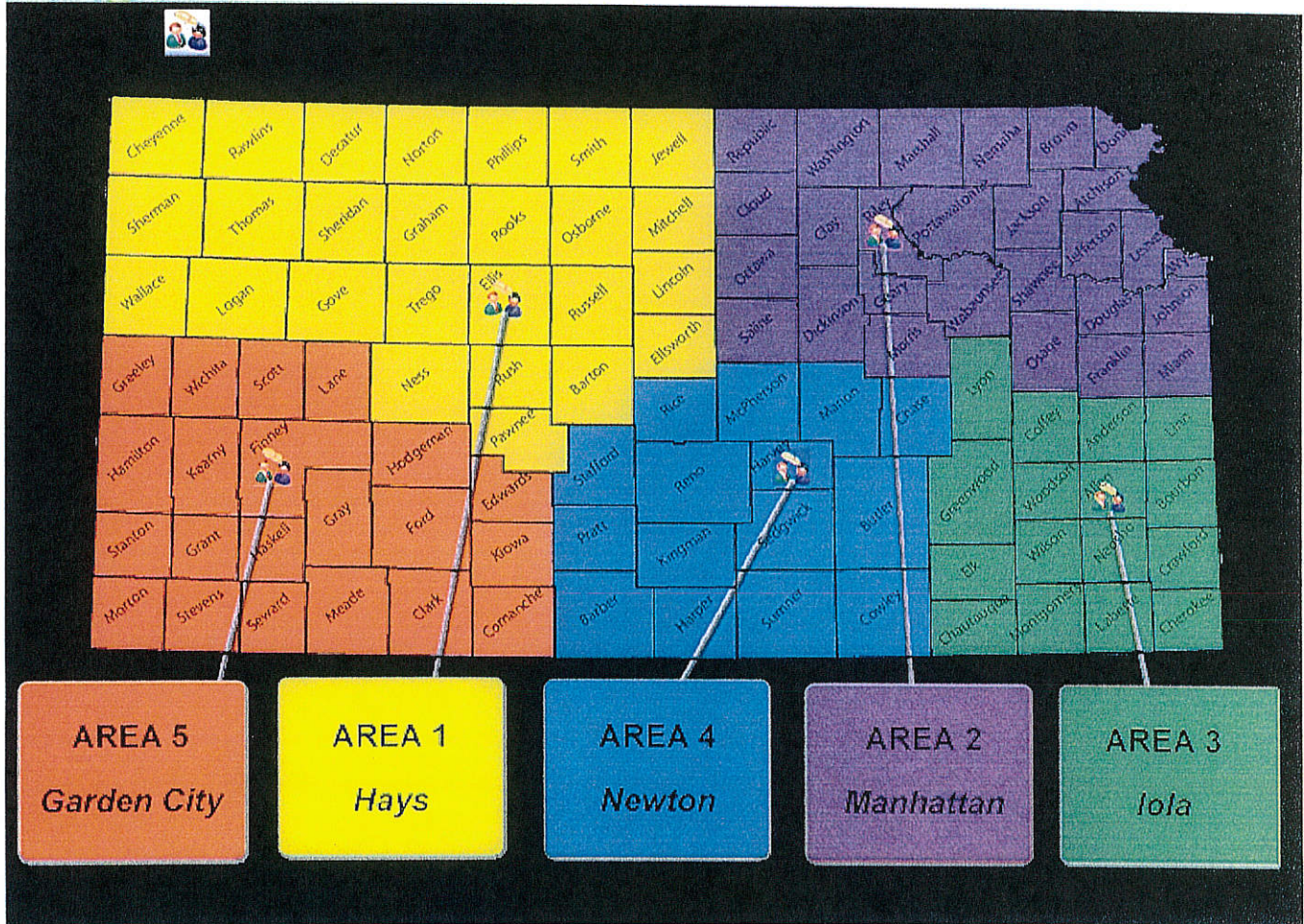
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Kansas Rural Development

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development Offices in Kansas



Click On Area Office Buttons For More Information And Local Maps

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		Phone	Fax
Area 1	2715 Canterbury Drive, Hays, KS 67601	785-628-3081	785-625-6065
Area 2	3705 Miller Parkway, Suite A, Manhattan, KS 66503	785-776-7582	785-539-2733
Area 3	202 W. Miller Road, Iola, KS 66749	620-365-2901	620-965-5785
Area 4	1405 South Spencer Road, Newton, KS 67114	316-283-0370	316-283-2379
Area 5	2106 East Spruce, Garden City, KS 67846	620-275-0211	620-275-4903



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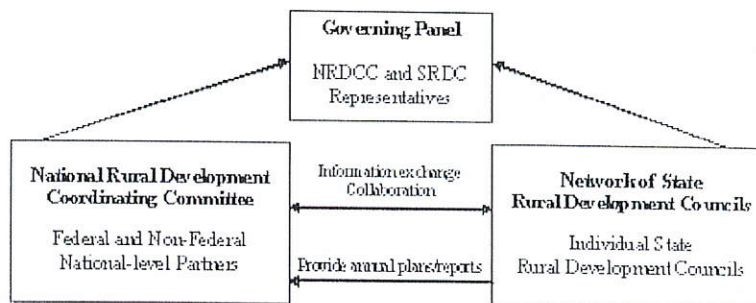
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NRDP Structure

The National Rural Development Partnership (NRDP) works to strengthen rural America through collaboration and cooperation among its partners. The NRDP brings together partners from local, state, tribal, and federal governments, as well as from the for-profit and nonprofit private sector. The NRDP has three main components:



State Rural Development Councils

There are currently 37 State Rural Development Councils (SRDCs). The State Councils form the primary components of the Partnership and bring together key rural players in their states to address critical community concerns and to respond to fast-breaking opportunities. State Councils are responsible for creating their own mission, structure, operating guidelines, and action plan. Each Council hires a senior-level executive director who works with the Council leadership.

In addition to facilitating coordination and collaboration on a state level, SRDCs also work through a national network to affect major change on a regional, and oftentimes national level. SRDCs are a strong, vibrant connection between the government and the population and has been utilized to both spread new and updated information on government and private sector programs and opportunities. In addition to information dissemination, SRDCs through their success stories and other publications and work are also ideal vehicles for feedback to the national office. Although the oldest component of the Partnership, SRDCs are still performing terrific work and delivering the results that has garnered NRDP praise from its partners.



NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Visit the Partnership's Web Site:
www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MATRIX

Please help keep this list updated. Submit corrections to Kelli Espinoza, Administrative Specialist for Wyoming Rural Development Council. Phone: 307-777-5271, Fax: 307-777-2935, Email: kelli.espinoza@wybusiness.org

NRDP EXECUTIVE BOARD (EX-BD) - a committee elected to help provide leadership to the NRDP.

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The Kansas Rural Development Council (KRDC) is an organization created to strengthen the economy and enhance quality of life for rural Kansans. The membership is comprised of heads of Federal agencies in Kansas, State agency heads, local and tribal government leaders and private sector representatives.

KRDC was organized in November 1990 as part of the White House Rural Development Initiative Program. Kansas is one of eight states chosen to pilot the program. Currently forty states are participating in the program. The overall mission of the White House Program is to: Improve the economic and social well-being of the nation's rural people by strengthening the capacity of rural America to be competitive in a global economy.

The mission of the Kansas Rural Development Council is to bring together the resources of the private sector, local and tribal governments and the state and federal governments to promote, more effectively, grassroots rural development through collaboration and support of its membership.

The Council provides:

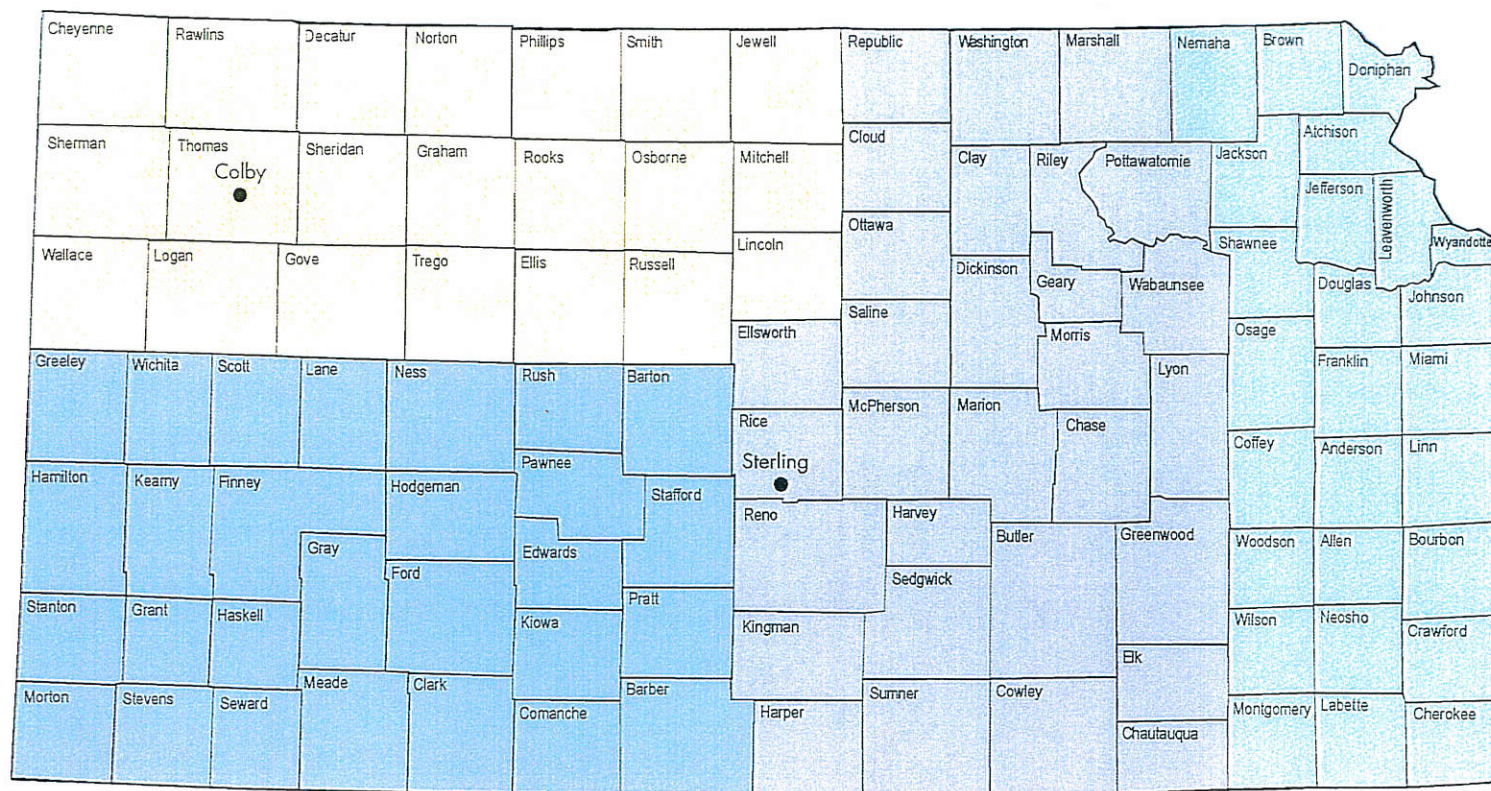
- A framework for public and private resources to promote rural development;
- A forum for effective collaboration between the various entities to identify rural issues and to meet the needs;
- Leadership in making strategic use of available resources and
- A focal point for identifying and addressing interdepartmental and intergovernmental barriers to implementing a long term development strategy.

We strive to achieve the following goals:

- Increase the availability of affordable housing in rural communities
- Preserve the heritage and culture of our rural communities so that the quality of life, as determined by the community, can be maintained.
- Help facilitate greater educational opportunities for the rural population so that the entire state can compete in a global economy.
- Assure that all Kansans have quality drinking water.
- Encourage and support efforts to better provide adequate health care for all rural Kansans.
- Decrease barriers affecting growth and stability of rural communities.
Increase awareness of available resources for rural areas.
- Increase awareness of Kansas Rural Development Council's role as a liaison.
- Increase accessibility to resources needed by those wanting to enter the profession of farming.
- Promote and support efforts to provide equal access to telecommunication for rural areas.

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Homestead...

- ◆ Assists communities in identifying housing needs
- ◆ Identifies resources, programs, & opportunities
- ◆ Serves as non-profit developer
- ◆ Provides homeownership training & housing counseling
- ◆ Assures that resources and decisions remain local
- ◆ Helps provide lower income, working class families and senior citizens decent housing.

Homestead Affordable Housing is a member affiliate of:

- ◆ National Rural Housing Coalition
- ◆ National Low Income Housing Coalition
- ◆ Kansas Rural Center



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Current Homestead projects

- ◆ **Brookside Cottages Senior Residences**
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- ◆ **Main Street Place Senior Residences**
104 W Karla, Haysville, Kansas
- ◆ **Bartell Place Senior Residences**
6th St, Junction City, Kansas
- ◆ **Trinity Place Senior Residences**
9th & Laramie, Atchison, Kansas
- ◆ **Kansas First Home Program**
Serving rural communities statewide

HOMESTEAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC.

*Creating affordable housing
and sustainable development
in rural communities.*



Why Homestead?

Homestead provides affordable senior and family housing in rural communities. These rural towns, as their citizens age and as young families pursue safe communities and good schools, often face a severe housing crunch. Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc. partners with rural communities to provide quality affordable housing.

WHAT IS HOMESTEAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

HAH, Inc. is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization formed in 1998 by a group of committed affordable housing professionals throughout Kansas.



Homestead's mission is to develop affordable housing and help rural Kansas communities achieve sustainable development.

Homestead is governed by a board of directors that sets direction and policy. HAH is certified by the state of Kansas as a **Community Housing Development Organization**. (CHDO).

SERVICES HOMESTEAD PROVIDES RURAL COMMUNITIES

Homestead helps communities define their housing needs and identify opportunities and resources to help meet these needs. Homestead can also assist by serving as non-profit developer and property manager for completed rental projects.

ALL HOUSING SOLUTIONS ARE LOCAL

We help communities design solutions to meet their local needs, with decisions and resources remaining in the rural communities. Local advisory councils are established in each community where projects are developed with these advisory councils having representation on the governing body of Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc.

HOW IS HOMESTEAD SUPPORTED?

HAH is supported by private donations, grants from sources including the Kansas Housing Trust Fund, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka's Affordable Housing Program, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, fees earned from development services provided, and other public and private sources.

KANSAS FIRST HOME

HAH provides \$4,000 down payment assistance to households below 60% of area median income with grants from the FHLBank of Topeka. Buyers complete Home Ownership Training. **As of January 1, 2007 HAH assisted 647 families in 136 rural communities.** Average income is \$26,432, and average home price is \$62,663. These home sales total \$40,114,000 with each grant dollar leveraging \$15.50 of mortgage funds.

HAH is also a developer of single-family homes in rural communities.

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- Enclosed is a tax deductible contribution of \$ _____
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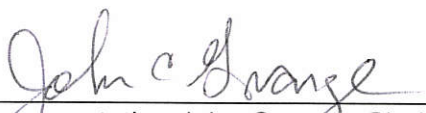
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HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

On

Substitute for SB 453



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Ranking Minority Member

House Budget Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

on

Substitute for SB 453

(Recommended changes are underlined.)

Brief

Sub. for SB 453, with the Subcommittee's proposed amendments, would create the Kansas Commission on Rural Policy; however, the bill would not establish a Division of Rural Development or deputy secretary position within the Department of Commerce. The Commission would be advisory in nature and not administer any grant program. The Commission would be tasked with developing recommendations for rural economic development based on four pillars:

- Fostering leadership;
- Youth retention;
- Promote rural entrepreneurship through the coordination of existing programs; and
- Wealth retention and generation.

The Commission would have a Board of Directors consisting of nine voting members, subject to confirmation by the Senate, each of which would have outstanding knowledge and leadership in one of the following areas:

- Agriculture;
- Oil and gas;
- Aviation;
- Finance and banking;
- Tourism;
- Any other primary, job creating, value added business sector;
- Fostering leadership;
- Encouraging wealth retention and generation;
- Developing entrepreneurship;
- Retaining youth in rural communities; or
- Healthcare.

The Governor would appoint three members, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate would each appoint two members, and the minority leaders of the House and Senate would each appoint one member. Each member would serve a four-year term. The Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture and the President of Kansas, Inc. would serve as *ex officio* members of the Board.

The Commission would be charged with developing recommendations for improving rural development efforts, but would not duplicate or compete with the functions of other state or federal agencies. The Commission would be authorized to hire an executive director if funding is derived from either a legislative appropriation or a grant from some other source. The agency would provide minimal assistance. During its first year, the Commission would:

- Develop a comprehensive plan for the Commission, which would include an evaluation of current programs, to be presented to the State Legislature during the 2009 Session;

- and
- Develop partnerships with federal, state, and private entities providing programs in rural areas.

The Commission also would be charged with:

- Developing and recommending a strategic mission for the Office of Rural Opportunity;
- Being a centralized point of contact, connecting organizations and agencies with available resources; and
- Reviewing existing programs and recommending improvements.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Farm Bureau. At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, the bill was supported by Senate President Steve Morris and representatives from the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, the Kansas Association of Counties, the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, St. Francis Community Services, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance.

The bill was opposed in writing by the Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Downtown Development Association. The Kansas Small Business Development Center, Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship, Kansas Preservation Alliance, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, Kansas Small Business Business Development Center, and Kansas, Inc. submitted neutral testimony. The Department of Commerce also submitted neutral testimony and proposed amendments.

The bill, as introduced, would create the Kansas Commission on Rural Policy. The Senate Committee on Commerce adopted a substitute bill that would create the Commission with more detailed responsibilities, establish qualifications for membership on the Commission's Board of Directors, clarify reimbursement amounts for Board members attending meetings, and create the Division of Rural Development headed by the Deputy Secretary of Rural Development within the Department of Commerce.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget indicated the fiscal impact from the enactment of the introduced bill could not be determined because several factors, including the number of Board meetings, staff costs, and the amount of funds to finance the grant fund are still unknown.

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 453

By Committee on Commerce

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9 AN ACT concerning rural development; establishing the Kansas com-
10 mission on rural policy; ~~establishing the division of rural development~~
11 ~~within the department of commerce.~~

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall
15 be known and may be cited as the Kansas commission on rural policy act.

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16 (b) The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby finds and declares
17 that:

18 (1) Rural communities provide employment, education, services and
19 opportunities for social interaction and play a critical role in the economic
20 viability of the state of Kansas;

21 (2) decline in these communities has resulted in the need for focused
22 efforts by the state of Kansas to ensure their future prosperity and ability
23 to continue to contribute to the welfare and economy of the state; and

24 (3) the needs of the citizens of the state of Kansas and the public and
25 private entities engaged in rural and community development will be best
26 served by a commission charged with the mission of facilitating, support-
27 ing, ~~financing and performing~~ rural development projects for the benefit
28 of its citizens to promote the state's research, development and entre-
29 preneurial objectives.

and

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30 (c) The purpose for which the Kansas commission on rural policy is
31 created is to make rural Kansas the most desirable area in which to con-
32 duct, facilitate, support and finance rural business, cultural development
33 and entrepreneurship, and to make Kansas a national leader in the cre-
34 ation and implementation of strategies to foster leadership, the retention
35 of youth, development of entrepreneurship and encouragement of local
36 wealth generation, to create new jobs, foster economic growth, advance
37 knowledge and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the state of
38 Kansas. To accomplish this goal the Kansas commission on rural policy
39 will develop recommendations for rural economic development based on
40 national best practices and benchmarking that incorporates the following:

Support of

41 (1) ~~State~~ efforts to coordinate research and advocacy to provide tax
42 credits and financing through community foundations and other philan-
43 thropic organizations, and to promote and finance rural entrepreneurial

1 activity and wealth retention;
 2 (2) strategies that promote an extensive network of transportation and
 3 telecommunications services to allow local economies to become fully
 4 integrated into the global economy; and

5 (3) local efforts to develop or expand meaningful leadership devel-
 6 opment programs and to promote opportunities to recruit young people
 7 to return to or establish their home and business in a rural community.

8 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established a body politic and corporate
 9 to be known as the Kansas commission on rural policy. The commission
 10 shall be an independent instrumentality of the state. The exercise by the
 11 commission of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and held
 12 to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

13 (b) (1) The Kansas commission on rural policy shall be governed by
 14 a board of directors consisting of 12 members.

15 (2) Nine members of the board of directors shall be voting members
 16 appointed as follows: Three shall be appointed by the governor, two shall
 17 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, two shall be
 18 appointed by the president of the senate, one shall be appointed by the
 19 minority leader of the house of representatives and one shall be appointed
 20 by the minority leader of the senate. Each member appointed to the
 21 board of directors shall be recognized for outstanding knowledge and
 22 leadership in one of the following business sectors or key areas:

- 23 (A) Agriculture;
- 24 (B) oil and gas;
- 25 (C) aviation;
- 26 (D) finance and banking;
- 27 (E) tourism;
- 28 (F) any other primary, job creating, value added business sector;
- 29 (G) fostering leadership;
- 30 (H) encouraging wealth retention and generation;
- 31 (I) developing entrepreneurship; ~~and~~
- 32 (J) retaining youth in rural communities.

; and (K) health care

33 (3) All voting members appointed to the board shall be subject to
 34 senate confirmation as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments
 35 thereto. Any voting member appointed to the board whose nomination
 36 is subject to confirmation during a regular session of the legislature shall
 37 be deemed terminated when the senate rejects the nomination. No such
 38 termination shall affect the validity of any action taken by such member
 39 of the board before such termination.

40 (4) The terms of the nine voting members first appointed to the board
 41 of directors shall be as follows: Four years for members appointed by the
 42 governor, three years for members appointed by the speaker of the house
 43 of representatives and the president of the senate and two years for mem-

1 bers appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives and
2 the minority leader of the senate. Members of the first board shall be
3 appointed by September 1, 2008. Subsequent terms of all voting mem-
4 bers appointed to the board shall be for four years.

5 (5) The other three members of the board of directors shall serve ex
6 officio: The secretary of commerce, the secretary of agriculture and the
7 president of Kansas, Inc. Each ex officio member of the commission may
8 designate an officer or employee of the state agency or organization of
9 the ex officio member to serve on the commission in place of the ex officio
10 member. The ex officio members of the commission, or their designees,
11 shall be nonvoting members of the commission and shall provide infor-
12 mation and advice to the commission.

13 (c) The Kansas commission on rural policy board of directors shall
14 elect annually from among its voting members a chairperson, vice-chair-
15 person and secretary. Five voting members of the board shall constitute
16 a quorum and the affirmative vote of five members shall be necessary for
17 any action taken by the board. No vacancy in the membership of the
18 board shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and
19 perform all the duties of the board.

20 (d) Members of the commission attending any meeting of the com-
21 mission or any subcommittee meeting authorized by the commission shall
22 be paid amounts as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

23 (e) All resolutions and orders of the Kansas commission on rural pol-
24 icy board of directors shall be recorded and authenticated by the signature
25 of the secretary or a person designated by the secretary. The book of
26 resolutions, orders, minutes of open meetings, annual reports and annual
27 financial statements of the commission shall be public records as defined
28 by K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. All public records
29 shall be subject to regular audit as provided in K.S.A. 46-1106, and
30 amendments thereto.

31 Sec. 3. (a) The Kansas commission on rural policy shall develop rec-
32 ommendations for community-based programming and funding in the
33 following key areas: Fostering leadership; encouraging wealth retention
34 and generation; developing entrepreneurship and retaining youth in rural
35 communities. The commission shall not compete with, duplicate or as-
36 sume the responsibilities or functions of existing federal or state funded
37 programs and organizations, in delivering services related to the above
38 key areas, but will design, collaborate with and optimize the activities of
39 such other agencies in a comprehensive effort.

40 (b) Prior to July 1, 2009, the commission shall perform the following:

41 (1) ~~Submit recommendations to the secretary of commerce regarding~~
42 ~~the appointment of the deputy secretary of rural development;~~

43 (2) ~~hire such support staff as deemed necessary;~~

(f) The commission is hereby authorized to engage legal counsel, expert advisers or executive staff to carry out the duties of the commission. Compensation for such counsel, advisers or staff shall be determined by the commission within the limits of available funds.
(g) The commission is hereby authorized to accept grants, gifts, bequests and other financial or in-kind contributions.
(h) To facilitate the organization and start-up of the commission, Kansas, Inc. shall provide administrative assistance until such time as the commission has resources to provide staffing on its own. In no event shall such assistance continue beyond September 1, 2010.

through the coordination of existing programs;

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1 ~~(3) develop~~ a comprehensive plan for fulfillment of the commission's
 2 duties, including an evaluation of the current efforts being utilized to
 3 fulfill the commission's objectives, and report on the best practices cur-
 4 rently being conducted and on the commission's activities to the legisla-
 5 ture during the 2009 legislative session;

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6 ~~(4) acquire facilities in a community with a rural knowledge base,
 7 rural resources and leadership which shall serve as a base of operations
 8 for the commission;~~

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9 ~~(5)~~ ✓develop partnerships with other organizations to offer technical
 10 assistance to rural communities seeking programming assistance; and

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11 ~~(6)~~ ✓develop partnerships with private organizations and institutions
 12 engaged in rural development strategies to identify best practices and
 13 make those resources available to rural communities.

(3)

through a centralized point of contact

14 (c) In addition to the duties set forth in subsection (b), the commis-
 15 sion, once appointed and confirmed, shall perform the following:

16 (1) Develop on-the-ground resources for rural communities utilizing
 17 existing resources and ~~potential~~ partnerships or by developing new efforts
 18 and strategies;

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19 (2) act in concert with contracting organizations to develop funda-
 20 mental capacity building resources to assist communities in achieving
 21 growth using the key areas set forth in subsection (a);

22 (3) ~~identify up to 20 pilot communities for direct programming efforts
 23 by July 1, 2010;~~

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24 ~~(4) review rural development programs in other state agencies and
 25 provide strategic recommendations to such agencies;~~

26 ~~(5)~~ ✓serve as a convener of organizations engaged in activities focused
 27 on the key areas set forth in subsection (a) to develop unified recom-
 28 mendations for rural development efforts across the state;

(4)

29 ~~(6)~~ ✓develop and recommend to the secretary of commerce a strategic
 30 mission for the office of rural opportunity;

(5)

31 ~~(7) administer the rural community development grant program pur-
 32 suant to the provisions of sections 4 through 6, and amendments thereto;
 33 and~~

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34 ~~(8)~~ ✓report annually to the legislature with each annual report to in-
 35 clude a report on the activities of the commission, recommendations by
 36 the commission and suggestions for legislation.

(6)

37 ~~Sec. 4. (a) The Kansas commission on rural policy is hereby author-
 38 ized to develop a program of grants to carry out rural community devel-
 39 opment activities in accordance with the provisions of this act. Recipients
 40 of such grants shall be selected by the commission in accordance with
 41 policies and procedures adopted by the board of directors of the
 42 commission.~~

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43 ~~(b) Any individual or organization desiring to receive a grant pursuant~~

1 to this act shall submit a request for grant funds to the commission in a
 2 form and manner prescribed by the commission. Such request shall in-
 3 clude a statement of such individual or organization's proposed rural com-
 4 munity development activities, projected use of grant funds and any other
 5 information related to the grant required by the commission.

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6 (c) As part of any request for grant funds the requesting individual
 7 or organization shall certify to the commission that the individual or or-
 8 ganization will provide matching funds in an amount equal to the total
 9 amount of funds to be granted to the individual or organization by the
 10 commission, or in kind labor and services with an equivalent value.

11 (d) The commission shall adopt policies and procedures regarding the
 12 application procedure, grant periods, grant evaluation and reporting cri-
 13 teria, the filing of forms that support the request for grant awards, the
 14 method and manner of payment of grant funds and any other matter
 15 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

16 (e) For the purposes of this section and section 5, and amendments
 17 thereto, the term "rural community development activities" means those
 18 activities and programs that focus on fostering leadership, encouraging
 19 wealth retention and generation, developing entrepreneurship and at-
 20 tracting and retaining youth in rural communities.

21 Sec. 5. (a) Each recipient of grant funds pursuant to this act shall
 22 submit to the Kansas commission on rural policy, at a time determined
 23 by the commission, a performance and evaluation report concerning the
 24 use of grant funds made available under section 4, and amendments
 25 thereto, together with an assessment by the recipient of the relationship
 26 of such use to the rural community development activities identified in
 27 the recipient's statement under subsection (b) of section 4, and amend-
 28 ments thereto. The recipient's report shall indicate an evaluation of the
 29 rural community development activities, the nature of and reasons for any
 30 changes in such activities and an evaluation of the use of the grant funds
 31 for such activities. The commission shall, at least on an annual basis, make
 32 such reviews and audits as may be necessary or appropriate to determine:

- 33 (1) Whether the recipient has carried out its rural community devel-
 34 opment activities in a timely manner;
- 35 (2) whether the recipient has carried out those activities and its cer-
 36 tifications in accordance with the requirements of sections 4 and 5, and
 37 amendments thereto; and
- 38 (3) whether the recipient has a continuing capacity to carry out those
 39 activities in a timely manner.

40 (b) Insofar as they relate to grant funds provided under section 4,
 41 and amendments thereto, the financial transactions of recipients may be
 42 audited under such policies and procedures as may be adopted by the
 43 commission. The commission shall report the final results of any audits

1 conducted pursuant to this section to the state legislature during the leg-
2 islative session immediately following the audit.

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3 Sec. 6. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the rural
4 community development grant program fund. All moneys credited to
5 such fund shall be used only for the awarding of grants pursuant to sec-
6 tions 4 and 5, and amendments thereto. Such fund shall be administered
7 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4 and 5, and amendments
8 thereto, and the provisions of appropriation acts.

9 (b) All expenditures from the rural community development grant
10 program fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon
11 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouch-
12 ers approved by the executive director of the Kansas commission on rural
13 policy.

14 (c) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts
15 and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the rural com-
16 munity development grant program fund interest earnings on:

17 (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the rural community de-
18 velopment grant program fund for the preceding month; and

19 (2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio
20 for the preceding month.

21 Sec. 7. (a) There is hereby established within and as a part of the
22 department of commerce a division of rural development, the head of
23 which shall be the deputy secretary of rural development. Under the
24 supervision of the secretary of commerce, the deputy secretary of rural
25 development shall administer the division of rural development. The sec-
26 retary of commerce shall appoint the deputy secretary of rural develop-
27 ment and the deputy secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary.
28 The deputy secretary of rural development shall be in the unclassified
29 service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary
30 fixed by the secretary of commerce and approved by the governor.

31 (b) Prior to appointing the deputy secretary of rural development
32 pursuant to subsection (a), or any successor deputy secretary of rural
33 development, the secretary of commerce shall consider any recommen-
34 dations regarding appointments to such office that may be submitted to
35 the secretary by the Kansas commission on rural policy established by
36 section 2, and amendments thereto.

37 (c) As part of the duties and responsibilities of the office, the deputy
38 secretary of rural development shall oversee and direct the operations of
39 the office of rural opportunity.

40 Sec. 8. The provisions of sections 1 through 8, and amendments 4

41 thereto, shall expire on July 1, 2013, 2011

42 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
43 publication in the statute book. 5