

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on March 2, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office

Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed the conferees back to the committee and noted that their report comprises the water and allied agencies proposed outline/action plan for the year and will culminate in their report back to the committee in January, 2010.

Earl Lewis, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office, said the responsibility for the 2010 report will be given to the Kansas Water Authority although many state agency staff will do most of the work to produce the report. He reviewed the main points to be included in the report and stressed the need for quantification. Initially, at least one pilot basin, the Neosho, will be studied (Attachment 1).

Chairman Sloan opened the meeting for questions. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Tom Hawk, Don Hineman, Don Navinsky, and Joe Seiwert. Mr. Lewis responded. Brief discussions ensued. Chairman Sloan stated that if there were no objections, the proposed outline for a report in 2010 would be considered acceptable to the committee. There were no objections.

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office, proposed two concurrent resolutions for the committee's consideration. The first, he explained, calls upon Congress to authorize and fund a study of the Missouri River Basin which includes major tributaries and reservoirs (Milford, Tuttle Creek, and Perry) in Kansas.

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Chairman Sloan called for a motion to introduce the proposed concurrent resolution with the noted grammatical changes, changes the staff deemed appropriate, and the inclusion of additional federal committees to receive an enrolled copy of the resolution. It was moved and seconded that the proposed resolution with the noted changes be adopted. Motion passed.

Director Streeter introduced the second proposed concurrent resolution which calls "upon any newly appointed Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to form a working relationship with the State of Kansas to address any and all issues falling within the purview of the Assistant Secretary.....to work to extend the productive lives of the reservoirs and to continue the work that has begun in those reservoirs of the State of Kansas."

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resolution with the noted changes be adopted. Motion passed.

On behalf of the committee and personally, Chairman Sloan thanked the conferees and all the agencies involved for their extensive work and effort in preparing today's report and resolutions for the committee's consideration.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

House Vision 2020 Committee Guest List

Date: March 2, 2009

Name	Representing Client/Authority
Kim Christensen	KWO
SCOTT CARLSON	SEC
JENN MILNER	CAPITOL STRATEGIES
Lindsey Douglas	KDA
El Martinter	Ks. Biol. Survey
Jerry de Noyelles	Ks Biol. Survey
Steve Adams	KDWP
Earl Lewis	KWO
Hilke Kaufman	Ks Coop Council

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 2, 2009
TO: Vision 2020 Committee
FROM: Tracy Streeeter, Director
Earl Lewis, Assistant Director
SUBJECT: Reservoir Sustainability Recommendations

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Vision 2020 committee in January and outline the sedimentation and reservoir sustainability issue. I believe that the discussion was beneficial not only to the committee, but to state and federal agency staff as well.

During the discussions and afterward, we heard comments and requests for a plan to move forward in addressing this issue. In response to these comments, we have worked with some of the other state agencies and developed what is essentially an outline of a report back to the committee next year. The report would provide a better quantification of the sedimentation problem, statutory and financial changes necessary to address the problem and more detailed information on at least one basin that can lead to projects and operational changes.

Our proposal is that the responsibility for this report would be given to the Kansas Water Authority. Obviously we and other state agency staff will do the vast majority of the work to produce the report. However, we do think that it is important to keep the Water Authority as the entity charged with the report as it is consistent with the Authority's role in advising the Governor and Legislature on policy and budgetary changes needed to address Kansas water issues.

In addition, we believe that it would be beneficial if the Vision 2020 Committee and the legislature would speak to the need for continued coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the highest levels, and the need for an overall review of the authorized purposes and operations of our reservoir system. There is a bill before congress that proposes to restudy the system put in place by the 1944 Pick-Sloan Act.

Attached please find the proposed outline for a report from the Kansas Water Authority back to the legislature next year, a draft resolution regarding state interaction with the Assistant Secretary of the Army, and a draft resolution supporting the congressional bill to restudy the Missouri River Basin system.

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss this issue.

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Attachment 1-1*

The Vision 2020 Reservoir Sustainability Initiative Roadmap

By January 2010, the Kansas Water Authority will deliver to the Kansas legislature a report on actions necessary to insure an adequate future water supply for areas currently or potentially served by federal, state or municipal reservoirs. This report shall include:

On a statewide level:

- Identification and prioritization of needs and opportunities to systematically integrate the data collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination activities of state and federal agencies and identify data gaps regarding reservoirs.
- Preliminary supply and demand projections for each of the state's major river basins that have significant municipal reservoir water supply and a prioritization for further action.
- Identification of known recreation impacts caused by sedimentation in federal, state and municipal reservoirs.
- Identification of known poor water quality occurrences that were the result of sedimentation.
- Identification of potential impacts to flood protection caused by sedimentation.

- Recommended statutory changes to increase the state's ability to supply water and address sedimentation in reservoirs.
- Recommended financial resources needed to:
 - Secure all available storage in federal reservoirs;
 - Protect state and municipal owned storage from losses due to sedimentation and poor water quality impacts;
 - Restore adequate storage to meet anticipated needs.

Initially for at least one pilot basin:

- An inventory of restoration approaches appropriate for each drinking water reservoir and identification of strategies for prioritization.
- An inventory of watershed structures above water supply reservoirs including
 - The date they were constructed and their relative condition.
 - The number and relative size of structures that have not been built.
- Identification of the causes and extent of streambank erosion above water supply reservoirs and potential for restoration.
- Preliminary estimates of the length of streambank above water supply reservoirs that is in need of restoration and the anticipated cost.
- Identification of extent and status of riparian corridors above water supply reservoirs and potential for restoration and protection.
- Preliminary estimates of the length of riparian area above water supply reservoirs that is in need of restoration or protection and the anticipated cost.
- Identification of potential federal, state, and local reservoir sites which were not built.
- Identification of opportunities for water conservation and reservoir operational changes to increase water supply.
- Proposed schedule for the completion of similar work in other basins with water supply reservoirs.

In developing this report the Kansas Water Authority will coordinate and seek information from the Director of the Kansas Biological Survey, the Executive Director of the State Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, the Secretary of Health and Environment, and the Secretary of Agriculture.