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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on January 13, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Kansas State University
Research and Extension, Kansas State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Tom Palace, Executive Director, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, requested the introduction of bill that would require fuel terminals to sell non-blended gasoline at the terminals. Senator Bruce moved the introduction of a bill that would require fuel terminals to sell non-blended gasoline at terminals; seconded by Senator Ostmeier. Motion carried.

Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Kansas State University Research and Extension, Kansas State announced that he has accepted a new position as President and CEO of the Kansas State University Foundation at the end of the month.

He noted that the Informal Report (copy on file in Senator Taddiken's office) contains stories showing what the K-State Research and Extension program is about - families and communities.

Dr. Cholick highlighted the Kansas PRIDE Program which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. He said this program has probably done more for communities than any other program. As a result of the PRIDE program, over 85,000 hours of volunteer time has been devoted to communities

He reported on 4-H members' participation in the Citizenship in Action Conference. Dr. Cholick said that it is our responsibility to develop character and leadership for the next generation. 4-H is not about the projects but about the members.

Dr. Cholick highlighted the work that K-State agronomist, Alan Schlegel, has done near Tribune to increase the profits for grain farmers. The soil, rainfall and climate are different in Tribune than at the other K-State Research and Extension centers and experiment fields.

Another program Dr. Cholick reported on was the opening last year of an extension office at Fort Riley to provide support for military families. Deployment, stress and family finances are some of the issues facing military families.

Dr. Cholick reviewed the K-State Research and Extension budget data for FY2010. He noted that twenty-five counties have formed nine districts and can operate more efficiently and effectively. He said some positions remain unfilled in order to balance the budget and Research and Extension will be doing less with less.

Dr. Cholick answered questions from the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
George Wenzert	Ruffin Companies
Fred A. Chulick	K-State - Director KSRE
Steven Graham	K-State Res + Extension
John A. Donley	KS Lusk Ass'n
Leslie Kaufman	KS Co-op Council
Just P. Shi	KS Assoc. Wheat Growers
SEAN MILLER	CAPROL STRATEGIES
Mary Jo Stankiewicz	KGFA
Julie Stern	K-State
Emily Haug	K-State
Tom Tunnel	KGFA - KARA - KAEP
Tom Palace	KPMA KPMCA
Kenton Johannes	Kansas Soybean Association