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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
JOINT WITH SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND
HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Larry Powell, Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee at 8:30 a.m. on January 10, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:
Senator Morris - excused.

Committee staff present:
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Dr. Gary Pierzynski, Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and Interim Director of K-State Research and Extension

Others attending:
See attached list.

Representative Powell welcomed the Senate Agriculture Committee and Senate Natural Resources Committee to the Joint Meeting.

Chairman Ostmeyer, Senate Natural Resources Committee, introduced his new Committee Assistant, Stephanie Gray.

Chairman Taddiken, Senate Agriculture Committee addressed the Joint Meeting.

Dr. Pierzynski introduced Steven Graham, Assistant to the Dean and Director, Ernie Minton, Associate Director of Research and Technology Transfer and Sue Peterson, Assistant to the President and Director Government Relations.

He noted that this is the 150th anniversary of the land grants. He also reported that K-State's College of Agriculture has a record enrollment this year. Dr. Pierzynski stated that agriculture is a bright spot in the economy. Some of the issues being addressed are horticulture, landscape, water quality, the extension's promotions of nutrition and exercise – health and youth development.

He mentioned the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) which helps to combat hunger. Some of these programs are being conducted in Spanish for the Hispanic community.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE Agriculture Committee at 8:30 a.m. on February 9, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.