

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2363**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 3, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-301 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-301. (a) ~~(1)~~ Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections (c) and (d), without the prior written consent or permit of the chief engineer of the division of water resources of the Kansas department of agriculture, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, association, corporation or agency or political subdivision of the state government to: ~~(1)~~

~~(A)~~ Construct, modify or add to any dam or other water obstruction;

~~(2)~~ (B) make, construct, modify or permit to be made or constructed any change in any dam or other add to any water obstruction in a designated stream;

~~(3) make or permit to be made any change in or addition to any existing water obstruction;~~

or

~~(4)~~ (C) change or diminish the course, current, or cross section of any designated stream within this state.

(2) Any application for any permit or consent shall be made in writing in such form as specified by the chief engineer.

(3) ~~Jetties or~~ Revetments for the purpose of stabilizing a caving bank which are properly placed shall not be construed as obstructions for the purposes of this section.

(b) As used in K.S.A. 82a-301 et seq., and amendments thereto;

(1) "Dam" means any artificial barrier including appurtenant works with the ability to

impound water, waste water or other liquids that has a height of 25 feet or more; or has a height of six feet or greater and ~~also has the capacity to impound a storage volume at the top of the emergency spillway elevation of~~ 50 or more acre feet. The height of a dam or barrier shall be ~~determined as follows:~~ (1) ~~A barrier or dam that extends across the natural bed of a stream or watercourse shall be measured from the down stream toe of the barrier or dam to the top of the barrier or dam;~~ or (2) ~~a barrier or dam that does not extend across a stream or watercourse shall be measured from the lowest elevation of the outside limit of the barrier or dam to the top of the barrier or dam~~ measured from the lowest elevation of the streambed, downstream toe or outside limit of the dam to the elevation of the top of the dam.

(2) "Designated stream" means a natural or man-made channel that conveys drainage or runoff from a watershed having an area of:

(A) One or more square miles in zone one, which includes all geographic points located in or east of Washington, Clay, Dickinson, Marion, Harvey, Sedgwick or Sumner counties;

(B) two or more square miles in zone two, which includes all geographic points located west of zone one and in or east of Smith, Osborne, Russell, Barton, Stafford, Pratt or Barber counties; or

(C) three or more square miles in zone three, which includes all geographic points located west of zone two.

(c) (1) The prior written consent or permit of the chief engineer shall not apply to water obstructions that meet the following requirements:

(A) The change in the cross section of a designated stream is obstructed less than 5% and the water obstruction or change is contained within a land area measuring 25 feet or less along the stream length; or

(B) (i) the water obstruction is not a dam as defined in subsection (b);

~~(B) (ii)~~ the water obstruction is not located within an incorporated area;

~~(C)~~ (iii) every part of the water obstruction, and any water impounded by such obstruction, is located more than 300 feet from any property boundary; and

~~(D)~~ (iv) the watershed area above the water obstruction is ~~640 acres~~ five square miles or less.

(2) If the water obstruction does not meet the requirements of subsection ~~(e)(1)(C)~~ (c)(1)(B)(iii), but meets all other requirements of subsection (c)(1)(B), such water obstruction may be exempted from the permitting requirements of subsection (a) if the chief engineer determines such water obstruction has minimal impact upon safety and property based upon a review of the information, to be provided by the owner, including:

~~(i)~~ (A) An aerial photo or topographic map depicting the location of the proposed project, the location of the stream, the layout of the water obstruction, the property lines and names and addresses of adjoining property owners; and

~~(ii)~~ (B) the principal dimensions of the project including, but not limited to, the height above streambed.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the chief engineer may require a permit for any water obstruction described in this subsection if the chief engineer determines such permit is necessary for the protection of life or property.

(d) The prior written consent or permit of the chief engineer shall not be required for construction or modification of a hazard class A dam that:

(1) Has a height of less than 30 feet and a storage volume at the top of the emergency spillway elevation of less than 125 acre feet, and the dam location and dimensions have been registered with the division of water resources in a written form prescribed by the chief engineer; or

(2) is a wastewater storage structure for a confined feeding facility that has been approved by the secretary of health and environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-171d, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-302. (a) Except as

~~otherwise provided for general permits, each application for the consent or permit required by K.S.A. 82a-301, and amendments thereto, shall be accompanied by complete maps, plans, profiles and specifications of such dam or other water obstruction, or of the changes construction, modification or additions addition proposed to be made in such dam or other water obstruction, the required application fee as provided in subsection (b) unless otherwise exempted, and such other data and information as the chief engineer may require. The chief engineer shall maintain a list of licensed professional engineers who may conduct the review of any application for the consent or permit required by K.S.A. 82a-301, and amendments thereto. Such list may include licensed professional engineers employed by a local unit of government. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an applicant for the consent or permit required by K.S.A. 82a-301, and amendments thereto, may have the application reviewed by a licensed professional engineer approved by the chief engineer pursuant to this subsection provided such engineer is not an employee of the applicant. If such licensed professional engineer finds that such dam or other water obstruction meets established standards for the construction, modification, operation and maintenance of dams and other water obstructions, such findings shall be submitted in complete form to the chief engineer. Upon such submittance, the chief engineer shall grant such consent or permit within 45 days unless the chief engineer finds to the contrary that such dam or other water obstruction does not meet established standards for the construction, modification, operation and maintenance of dams and other water obstructions. If the chief engineer declines to grant such consent or permit based upon a contrary finding, the chief engineer shall provide to the applicant within 15 days a written explanation setting forth the basis for the chief engineer's contrary finding. The chief engineer's action in declining to grant such consent or permit and any hearing related thereto shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. Any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the chief engineer shall be entitled to appellate review in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas judicial review act. Such applicant shall pay all costs associated with the~~

~~review by the licensed professional engineer. The chief engineer shall adopt rules and regulations for the issuance of a general permit which may be issued for projects which require limited supervision and review.~~

~~(b) (1) The application fee for a permit to construct, modify or add to a dam shall be \$200. shall be based upon the stage of construction at the time that a complete application has been submitted. The construction in progress fee shall be applicable for construction begun prior to approval by the chief engineer. Such fee shall be in addition to any other penalty for an unpermitted structure. Such fees shall be as follows:~~

Fees for new dam or dam modification applications	
Pre-Construction	Construction In Progress
\$200	\$500

~~(2) Permit fees for stream obstructions/channel changes application fee is based upon two criteria and are as follows:~~

- ~~(A) The drainage area category; and~~
- ~~(B) the stage of construction when the application is submitted.~~

Drainage Area Category	Pre-Construction	Construction In Progress
Major (Drainage area greater than 50 square miles)	\$500	\$1000
Moderate (Drainage area 5 to 50 square miles)	\$200	\$400
Minor (Drainage area less than 5 square miles)	\$100	\$200
General Permit	\$100	\$200

~~(2) The application fee for a permit to construct, modify, or add to a water obstruction or to change or diminish the course, current or cross section of a stream shall be based on the watershed area.~~

<u>Watershed Area Above the Project</u>	<u>Permit Application Fee</u>
<u>Less than 5 square miles</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Between 5 and 50 square miles</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>More than 50 square miles</u>	<u>\$500</u>

~~(3) The application fee for a general permit shall be \$100.~~

(c) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-328, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-303b is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-303b. (a) (1) In order to secure conformity with adopted rules and regulations and to assure compliance with the terms, conditions or restrictions of any consent or permit granted pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-301 through 82a-303, and amendments thereto, the chief engineer or an authorized representative of the chief engineer shall have the power and the duty to inspect any dam or other water obstruction. Upon a finding pursuant to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 82a-303c, and amendments thereto, by the chief engineer that a dam is unsafe, the chief engineer shall order an annual inspection of the dam until it is either in compliance with all applicable provisions of this act, any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this act, permit conditions and orders of the chief engineer; or the dam is removed. The safety inspection shall be conducted by the chief engineer or authorized representative and the cost shall be paid by the dam owner. The class and size of a dam ~~provided for by the provisions of this act~~ shall be defined by rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-303a, and amendments thereto. Inspection fees are as follows:

Size of Dam	Inspection fee
Class 1	\$1,500
Class 2	\$1,500
Class 3	\$2,500
Class 4	\$4,000

(2) Each hazard class C dam shall be required to have a safety inspection conducted by a licensed professional engineer qualified in design, construction, maintenance and operation of dams once every three years, unless otherwise ordered by the chief engineer.

(3) Each hazard class B dam shall be required to have a safety inspection conducted by a licensed professional engineer qualified in design, construction, maintenance and operation of dams once every five years unless otherwise ordered by the chief engineer.

(4) Within 60 days of the date of inspection, a report of the inspection shall be provided to the chief engineer by the licensed professional engineer who conducted the inspection. The report shall document the physical condition of the dam, describing any deficiencies observed, an analysis of the capacity of the dam and its spillway works, compliance of the dam with approved plans and permit conditions, changes observed in the condition of the dam since the previous inspection, an assessment of the hazard classification of the dam including a statement that the engineer either agrees or disagrees with the current classification, and any other information relevant to the safety of the dam or specifically requested by the chief engineer.

(5) Upon failure of a dam owner to comply with the applicable inspection interval, the chief engineer or such chief engineer's authorized representative shall conduct a mandatory inspection of the dam and the costs as established by this act for the inspection shall be paid by the owner, in addition to any other remedies provided for violations of this act.

(6) The failure to file a complete and timely report as required by the provisions of this act, or the failure to submit the fees assessed for inspections conducted by the chief engineer or ~~such~~ the chief engineer's authorized representative shall be deemed a violation of this act and subject to the penalties provided by K.S.A. 82a-305a, and amendments thereto.

(b) For the purpose of inspecting any dam or other water obstruction, the chief engineer or an authorized representative of the chief engineer shall have the right of access to private property. Costs for any work which may be required by the chief engineer or the authorized representative prior to or as a result of the inspection of a dam or other water obstruction shall be paid by the owner, governmental agency or operator of such dam or other water obstruction.

(c) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-328, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 82a-307 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-307. (a) Upon petition of ~~five~~ fifty

~~(50)~~ 50 taxpayers of any county of this state, owning land in the flood plain of any river in such county, or upon enactment of a resolution by the county commission of such county, the board of county commissioners of each county in this state are hereby authorized within their respective jurisdictions to clean and maintain the banks and channels of the streams and watercourses within definitely established bank lines, ~~as provided in K.S.A. 82a-307a,~~ and to keep said such streams free of drift, trees and other obstructions, for the purpose of reducing floods and overflows; ~~and for the purposes aforesaid.~~ Upon such petition or resolution, the board of county commissioners may remove debris pursuant to this section, but shall not scalp or extract streambeds.

(b) The said board of county commissioners, having obtained written permission from the landowner, may enter upon private property, if necessary, to clean and maintain such streams, doing as little damage as possible thereto, ~~and when.~~ If material damage shall be is done to any property, said the commissioners shall allow reasonable compensation therefor, when claimed by the owner thereof, if said the landowner presents a claim is presented in writing to said the board within ~~ten~~ (10) 60 days from the date of ~~the removal of said obstruction; and that such alleged material damage.~~

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the board of county commissioners of any county to remove or destroy any permanent improvement, including dams and bridges, in and over such streams, providing such improvements, dams or bridges have been lawfully placed thereon.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-326 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-326. When used in this act:

(a) "Water development project" means any project or plan which ~~may be allowed or permitted~~ requires a permit pursuant to K.S.A. 24-126, 24-1213, 82a-301 et seq., and amendments thereto, or the multipurpose small lakes program act, ~~and amendments thereto;~~

(b) "environmental review agencies" means the:

(1) Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism;

- (2) Kansas forest service;
- (3) state biological survey;
- (4) Kansas department of health and environment;
- (5) state historical society;
- (6) Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation; and
- (7) state corporation commission.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 3, in line 25, after "K.S.A." by inserting "82a-307 and K.S.A."; also in line 25, by striking "82a-734 is" and by inserting "82a-301, 82a-302, 82a-303b, 82a-326 and 82a-734 are";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking all before "K.S.A." and inserting "streams, dams and obstructions; amending K.S.A. 82a-307 and"; also in line 2, after "Supp." by inserting "82a-301, 82a-302, 82a-303b, 82a-326 and"; in line 3, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson