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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 February 5, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tim Huelskamp- absent
Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Sarah Larison, Domestic Marketing Specialist, Agriculture Marketing Division, Kansas
Department of Commerce
Lance Russell, Chairman, Kansas Sunflower Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Sarah Larison, Domestic Marketing Specialist, Agriculture Marketing Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, reported on the Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council ([Attachment 1](#)). Norm Jennings, Chairman, Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council, was unable to attend due to a funeral.

The Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council is a statutory body which began meeting in the summer of 2004. The Council is made up of representatives from the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, the commercial grape growing industry, the licensed farm winery industry, the liquor industry, the tourism industry and a member of the public experienced in publicity. Sales of Kansas wine have grown from \$510,000 in 2000 to \$1.5 million in value in 2006, which is a 294 percent increase in six years. In addition to the legislative initiatives, the Council has partnered with the Kansas Department of Agriculture to promote Kansas wine.

Ms. Larison also said there would be proposed legislation introduced which would allow a temporary permit holder at the Kansas State Fair to be able to buy directly from wineries. Other proposed legislation would allow full bottle sales at the State Fair and also to allow wineries to ship directly to Kansas wine club members.

Ms. Larison took questions from the Committee.

Lance Russell, Chairman, Kansas Sunflower Commission, reviewed the 2007 Annual Report of the Kansas Sunflower Commission ([Attachment 2](#)). The Commission conducts a campaign of sunflower promotion and market development through research, education and information. Mr. Russell reviewed the financial statement ([Attachment 3](#)). He also reviewed the funded K-State research and activities to promote the marketing sunflower products. The Council is also planning to hire a person to promote the sunflower industry.

Mr. Russell stood for questions.

Senator Francisco brought a "green the capitol mug" which is made from 100 percent U.S. corn plastic to show the Committee.

Senator Pine moved the introduction of a bill which would allow water districts and distribution districts to

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go twenty (20) miles beyond their district, but these districts would not be able to use condemnation proceedings in order to position the water supply; seconded by Senator Schmidt. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt moved the introduction of a bill which would complete the food safety consolidation by moving the restaurant inspection and related lodging inspection from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Seconded by Senator Bruce. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.