

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:37pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Olson opened the meeting requesting that the committee consider and approve the Minutes for 1 20 15, 1 21 15 and 1 22 15.

Senator Wilborn moved to accept the minutes as presented and Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Olson ordered that the minutes be approved and published.

Presentation on: An overview of Kansas Municipal Utilities Job Training Field Project

Senator Olson called on Colin Hansen representing the Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) to begin the presentation.

Presenter made the following points in response to questions and comments by Senators Hawk, Wilborn, Petersen, Knox and Olson:

- 1.) Only a small percentage of KMU members are from the telecom sector.
- 2.) Partnerships and strong relationships are encouraged with the technical schools and community colleges to prepare students who prefer a career in a rural setting.
- 3.) The presenter estimated that from 2 to 3 dozen municipalities have already made the move to smart meters.

Seeing no further comments or questions Senator Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:14pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2014.