

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:34 a.m. on January 24, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, KDHE  
Karl Mueldener, Director, Bureau of Water, KDHE  
Theresa Hodges, Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Robert Tyson opened the meeting by welcoming the following to the committee: Mike Hayden, Secretary-elect, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks; Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary; Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes; and Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department.

The first conferee to appear before the committee was Dr. Ron Hammerschmidt (Director, Division of Environment) who started with opening remarks and provided a background for the information that would be provided by staff of the Department as to review of **SB 204**. He introduced Karl Mueldener (Director, Bureau of Water) and Theresa Hodges (Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services).

Karl Mueldener briefed the committee on implementation of **SB 204** as it concerns the USGS contract, regulations, and threatened and endangered species (Attachment 1 and 2).

Theresa Hodges briefed the committee on implementation of **SB 204** as it concerns designated use attainability analysis and other tasks (Attachment 1 and 2). Discussion and questions followed.

Ron Hammerschmidt provided a brief wrap up on behalf of the Department. Discussion and questions followed.

Chairman Tyson thanked the Department for its presentation and indicated that it may be necessary for the Department to appear before the committee in the future for further discussion.

Two bill introductions were presented by Clint Riley, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. One concerned certification of a disability for certain permits and the other was related to big game permits (Attachment 3). Senator Oleen moved to recommend the introduction of the bills, seconded by Senator Corbin. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 8:30 a.m.