

Approved: February 18, 2011
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2011, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Michael Peterson – Excused
Representative Jerry Williams - Excused

Committee staff present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Gary Hayzlett moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 26, and 27 meetings. Seconded by Representative Rocky Fund, the minutes were approved.

Representative Tom Moxley requested introduction of a committee resolution directed to the Corps of Engineers to accept conservation easements for mitigation projects for a time period based on the life of the project and not for perpetuity as currently required. There being no objection, the Chairman said the requested resolution will be introduced as a committee resolution.

Representative Dan Kerschen, a member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, reported on their winter convention he attended last week. The board is the national promotion arm overseeing the beef checkoff dollars. He said they were pleased that the new federal dietary recommendations made no recommendation to reduce beef consumption in the diet. In the board's next ten-year beef promotion plan, he said they will be concentrating on development of new products, especially breakfast style products. Raising the beef checkoff by \$1.00 per head is under consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee is scheduled for February 8, 2011.