

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on January 21, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Raj Goyle- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Edward A. Martinko, Kansas Biological Survey

Ed Carney, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Jim Whisenant, City of Horton, Kansas

Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Tom Sloan welcomed the conferees. He introduced the moderator, Ed Martinko, Kansas Biological Survey, and asked him to introduce the conferees as they spoke during their collaborative Power Point presentation ([Attachment 1](#)).

Dr. Edward A. Martinko, State Biologist and Director, Kansas Biological Survey, outlined the current state, trend, and spatial variability of sediment in Kansas reservoirs ([Attachment 1, pages 1-21](#)). He noted that the last time he addressed a Legislative committee was eleven years ago when he appeared before the House Utilities and Natural Resources Committee.

Ed Carney, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, described the impacts of sedimentation on water quality and the role of the state in ensuring public water supply quality ([Attachment 1, pages 22-29](#)).

Jim Whisenant, City Administrator, City of Horton, Kansas, discussed the City of Horton's ongoing project to restore the public water supply which has on RFP the dredging phase ([Attachment 1, pages 30-37](#)).

Earl Lewis, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office, delineated the current status of Kansas' public water supply infrastructure ([Attachment 1, pages 37-39](#)).

The conferees distributed the following supportive documents to each committee member: Sedimentation

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in Our Reservoirs: Causes and Solutions, Executive Summary, Kansas State University, June 2008; Sedimentation in Our Reservoirs: Causes and Solutions, Kansas State University, June 2008, contribution no. 08-250 from the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station; Kansas Water Authority, 2009 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature.

Following the presentations, Chairman Sloan invited the committee to ask questions. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Clay Aurand, Barbara Craft, Bill Feurborn, Doug Gatewood, Sean Gatewood, Pat George, Tom Hawk, Don Hineman, Melanie Meier, Joe Seiwert, Lee Tafanelli, and Kay Wolf.

Responses were given by the appropriate conferee or, in several instances, several conferees.

Chairman Sloan again thanked the conferees for appearing before Vision 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.