

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on January 11, 2011, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Dan Collins - Excused
Representative Charlotte O'Hara - Excused
Representative Michael Peterson - Excused
Representative Ponka-We Victors - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
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.

Chairman Powell welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee of the 2011 Legislative Session and asked committee members, staff, and visitors to introduce themselves.

Greg A. Foley, Executive Director, State Conservation Commission, requested introduction of a committee bill relating to dam rehabilitation and safety. Seeing no objection, Chairman Powell stated that this request would be introduced as a committee bill. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Powell requested introduction of a committee bill concerning horizontal drilling as getting land leased for oil drilling can be a problem. There being no objection, this request will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Williams raised the issue of farmers operating farm vehicles across state lines without a commercial driver's license. He suggested hearing from Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Corporation Commission, and the trucking industry to identify the problem to determine if there is anything the committee can do to address the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee is scheduled for January 12, 2011.