

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on February 8, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Pam Shaffer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Administrator Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Freeborn gave each committee member a handout which she hopes will be helpful for anyone who carries a bill.

Representative Hayzlett made the motion to approve the committee minutes from January 11, 18 & 20. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn asked that all guests sign the log. On Thursday, possible action on **HB 2014 - Powers of members ex officio of the Kansas Water Authority**, and **HB 2017 - Clean drinking water fee; use for protection of source water and assistance to public water supply systems**. A week from this Thursday the possible hearing will be on the Irrigation Transition Assistance Program (ITAP), it cannot be put on the agenda as of yet, since it does not have a bill number, but hope to have that completed Thursday or Friday of this week. The agenda will be revised as soon as possible.

Chairperson Freeborn welcomed Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Administrator, Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. She presented the Annual Report for 2004 to the committee. The 2000 Legislature passed **SB 501** which was titled Agricultural and Specialty Chemical Remediation Act. This bill created the following programs and board: (1) Remediation Linked Deposit Loan Program. This program is to be administered by the state treasurer for the purpose of providing lower interest loans to eligible persons to pay the costs of corrective action approved or ordered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). (2) Remediation Reimbursement Program. This program is administered by the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board and provides reimbursement to eligible persons for the costs of corrective actions approved by KDHE or taken in accordance with an order from KDHE. (3) Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. Five members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and two ex officio members representing KDHE and Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). These Board members will serve four year terms. The Board has the following authority and responsibilities. Promulgate rules and regulations; Contract or hire an administrator; Provide an annual audit of the fund; Provide an annual report to the Governor, the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee, and the House Environment Committee on or before February 1, of each year; and The Board and the Fund shall be subject to an annual audit by the legislative post audit committee (See attachment 1)

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting at 4:09. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10.