

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on February 1, 2006, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bill Light- excused  
Representative Ted Powers- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture, and Director, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University  
Chiquita Miller, MS, CFLE Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Wyandotte County

Others attending: See attached list.

Minutes of the January 11, 18, 23, and 25 meetings were distributed. Members were asked to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to Monday, February 6, or the minutes will be considered approved as presented.

Chairman Johnson requested introduction of a house resolution congratulating and commending the Kansas Pork Association on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There being no objection, the resolution will be introduced by the House Agriculture Committee.

Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture, and Director, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University, provided an overview of K-State Research and Extension's Annual Report. He highlighted various activities and accomplishments in the categories of Natural Resources and Environmental Management; Healthy Communities: Youth, Adults, and Families; Safe Food and Human Nutrition; Competitive Agricultural Systems; and Economic Development through Value-Added Products. Headquartered on campus in Manhattan, K-State Research and Extension includes statewide county and district offices, research centers, and experiment fields supported by county, state, federal, and private funds. Since 1991, any two or more Kansas counties can legally work together to form an extension district in an effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Currently, 17 counties have formed six districts; three more counties are working to reach consensus and become a district by July, 2006. (Attachment 1)

Dean Cholick submitted written copies of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops 2005 Accomplishments Report. The center, within K-State Research and Extension, works in partnership with state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural organizations to assist family farmers and ranchers to boost farm profitability, protect natural resources, and enhance rural communities. (Attachment 2)

Chiquita Miller, MS, CFLE Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Wyandotte County, addressed the committee providing an informative update on K-State Research and Extension activities in Wyandotte County and the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. She discussed the various extension programs in place, as well as board memberships, community partnerships, collaborations, and coalitions formed, in an effort to reach out to Wyandotte County's diverse, changing population. (Attachment 3)

The Kansas Department of Agriculture provided copies of the Kansas Dairy Marketing Advisory Board Annual Report (Attachment 4) and the Retail Food Inspection Transition and Baseline Report as required by statute. (Attachment 5)

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture Committee is scheduled for February 6, 2006.