

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE and
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 8:00 A.M. on February 21, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jim Barone- excused
Senator Donald Betts- excused
Senator Laura Kelly- excused
Senator Vicki Schmidt- excused
Senator Jean Schodorf- excused
Senator Ruth Teichman- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of Civil Works, Department of the Army

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senate Ways and Means Committee was invited to and attended a joint meeting with House Appropriations. Chair Schwartz recognized Mike Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, who introduced John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, who appeared before the joint meeting of House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees for the purpose of testifying on matters related to the Corp's' operation of the Kansas Reservoir System (Attachment 1).

Some concerns voiced by the Committees and Mr. Woodley's response to questions included:

- Deviations from the Master Manual have done in the past; however, needs to be thoroughly documented and have not been long-standing deviations.
- With regard to recreation areas on Corp land, Mr. Woodley felt that the State should manage this recreation land would promote further discussion in this area.
- Concerning the inability to get 404 permits in a timely manner, related to Watershed Districts, Mr. Woodley stated that the federal government has increased the budget in order to get more resources in recognition of the backlog of permit requests and the fact that the agency is not processing the permits in a timely manner.
- With regard to the Turkey Creek Redevelopment Flood Control Project in the Kansas City area, Mr. Woodley indicated that he plans to visit the site later in the day. Currently, some construction is being done; however, a Committee member voiced concern that too many studies have been done without sufficient work to correct the flooding problem.
- The Committee voiced concern about water released from State reservoirs during a holiday or

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vacation period when citizens are using the recreation areas.

- Concern that the amount of water released from a reservoir in the upper regions of the State has little effect on the navigation level in Missouri.
- Kansas has the option of purchasing additional water storage from the Corp.
- Concern that the Corp should do a better job in public relations on issues affecting reservoirs within the State.
- Low level of barge traffic in the Atchison area is due to the drought affecting Kansas and surrounding states.
- Tuttle Creek Reservoir should be refilled within the next year or two.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting of Senate Ways and Means Committee is scheduled for February 21, 2007, at 10:40 a.m.