

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 1:34 P.M. on February 19, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Carl Holmes - excused.

Committee staff present:  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes  
Joyce Bishop, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Susan Duffy, Executive Director, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending:  
See attached list.

Jason Thompson presented information regarding **HB 2735**, an act concerning the state corporation commission; relating to transfers to the abandoned oil and gas well fund. This bill in effect changes the expiration date on this from 2009 to 2016.

Susan Duffy, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), made a presentation regarding **HB 2735** ([Attachment 1](#))

Representative Jason Watkins moved that the bill be passed. Representative Sharon Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The bill will be put on the consent calendar.

Heather O'Hara presented budget information on the Animal Health Department ([Attachment 2](#)).

Chairman Powell instructed Heather to prepare the committee budget recommendation to include the Governor's recommendations and also include \$5,000 to cover additional costs incurred due to the 2007 floods, and add an additional \$17,000 to the 2009 budget for one additional vehicle.

Reed Holwegner presented information regarding the Department of Commerce budget.

Chairperson Powell instructed Reed to make a note in the committee's budget report regarding the differing views on the Work Force Center hours. He also instructed Reed to send a letter to Legislative Post Audit to look into the AJLA software.

Michael Steiner presented budget information on the Board of Veterinary Examiners ([Attachment 3](#)).

Chairperson Powell instructed Michael to make the committee budget report in agreement with the Governor's recommendations.

Michael Steiner presented budget information on the Board of Accountancy ([Attachment 3](#)).

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Michael Steiner presented budget information on the Department of Credit Unions ([Attachment 3](#)).

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Michael Steiner presented budget information on the Securities Commissioner ([Attachment 3](#)).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget at 1:30 P.M. on February 19, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

Chairperson Powell instructed Michael to make the committee budget report in agreement with the Governor's recommendations.

Heather O'Hara presented budget information on the Department of Agriculture (Attachment 4).

No committee recommendations were made on this budget pending further information from Department of Agriculture staff.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2008.