

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 5, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tom Hawk- excused
Oletha Faust-Goudeau-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Phil Wages, KEPCO

Others attending:

Eleven individuals including the attached list.

Briefing on:

Energy Efficiency Conference, Manhattan, Kansas, Mary Galligan, (Attachments 1-7), gave a short presentation on the renewable energy conference held on January 29-31 in Manhattan, Kansas that she attended.

Following is a synopsis of the list of Attachments:

1. List of the thresholds in Federal Government 4280-B
2. Map of rural counties with a list of 8 counties not considered rural, with portions of the county still qualifying as rural.
3. Program information guide from the USDA Rural Development Kansas
4. Financial resource booklet distributed by USDA Rural Development
5. List of energy auditors in Kansas.
6. Farm bill section 9006 of the most recent federal farm bill, is the section in which these programs are established, with USDA offices contact information.
7. Power point presentation with details of some of the renewable energy programs available for the rural areas.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Tom Moxley, and Carl Holmes.

Phil Wages spoke on KEPC's involvement in the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.(REDLG)

Representative Holmes spoke on the items that were discussed in the February 2, 2007 KETA meeting held at the KCC building.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.