

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE WATER COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 02, 2021, in room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Meredith Fry, Legislative Research Department  
Victoria Potts, Legislative Research Department  
Zach Fridell, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ryan Hoffman - Division of Conservation, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others in attendance:

No list available

### **Request for bill introductions**

Chairperson Highland requested bill introductions. Hearing none, he moved to the next order of business.

### **Presentation on: Division of Conservation, Kansas Corporation Commission**

Ryan Hoffman, Director of the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, delivered a presentation to the committee on the duties and responsibilities of his organization ([Attachment 1](#)). The Conservation Division's mission is to protect correlative rights and environmental resources by preventing waste and by enforcing regulations that provide guidelines of producing resources efficiently. Hoffman described the organization's structure and the duties of its central office in Wichita and its regional offices across the state. Hoffman then described the organization's budget, and provided statistics on several areas including historical site remediation, and abandoned wells.

Hoffman then stood for questions from the committee, which covered topics such as the existence of private seismicity records, the cost of plugging abandoned wells, and the establishment of sensitive groundwater areas, whether well-plugging companies that are hired are based in Kansas. Some answers, which required further research, were later provided to the committee ([Attachment 2](#)).

### **Discussion & action on: HB2005 — Excluding hot water supply boilers that have a nominal water capacity not exceeding 120 gallons from the provisions of the boiler safety act.**

Chairperson Highland opened discussion on **HB 2005**.

*Rep. Orr moved, Rep. Rhiley seconded, to recommend **HB 2005** favorable for passage. Motion carried.*

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With no futher business, Chairperson Highland adjourned the meeting at 10am.