

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE WATER COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 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  
Tony Prohaska, Committee Assistant  
Victoria Potts, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

### **Update on Agency Mission and Activities**

Connie Owens, Director, Kansas Water Office, gave an update on Agency it's mission and purpose. Connie shared organizational structure, budget information, and key agency functions. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairperson asked for questions there were none

### **Update on Agency Mission and Activities**

Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Kansas Department of Agriculture- Division of Water Resources, gave and Agency update on its mission and purpose. Reviewed Agency structure and responsibilities. Mr. Lewis shared with committee current water usage and trends regarding water use and long term projection on water availability. ([Attachment 2](#)) The Chair asked the committee if there were any questions. The committee asked questions regarding Nebraska/Colorado Water compact, the Ground Water Management programs, what the value of water is to the Kansas Economy.

There were no further questions and the meeting will was adjourned 9:50 am.