

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative JoAnn Pottorff - Excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Reginald Robinson, President & CEO, Board of Regents
Clay Blair, Chairman of University Research and Development Corporation

Others Attending: See Attached

Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of the State Board of Regents presented an overview regarding the research activities of the state's research universities (Wichita State University, Kansas State University and the University of Kansas) and a brief overview of the Board's efforts to implement the University Research and Development Act of 2002 (Attachment 1).

Clay Blair, Chairman of the University Research and Development Corporation, gave an update on the implementation of the University Research and Development Act and the achievements they have experienced this past year. Facilities are being built at Kansas State University for the food protection research project. Grants have been received and future funding from the federal government looks promising. Chairman Blair reviewed the building process adopted and the on-going relationship with the Department of Administration in this construction process. In viewing this as a partnership, the Committee requested progress reports and an opportunity to confer with the URDC before bonds are sold as well as being notified of any major changes, gifts, grants, or other items which would be of importance to the success of the projects.

Representative Bethell distributed copies of the encumbrances of the 7399 Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund and explained its significance (Attachment 2).

HB 2225 and **SB 47** were referred to the Tax, Transportation, Judicial and Retirement Budget Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2003.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair