

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on February 5, 2007, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes

Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Danny McReynolds, Board Member, Cloud County Fair

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2208 - Cloud County Fair Board**.

Danny McReynolds, a board member for the Cloud County Fair, spoke as a proponent of the bill saying that because of changes in districts, the original statute (**K.S.A. 19-2699**) has become obsolete; he noted that the bill recommends board members be appointed by the county commissioners. (Attachment 1). He also suggested that the term limit for board members be deleted, since obtaining board members had become increasingly difficult.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2208** and opened the hearing on **HB 2234 - creating the Kansas Hunting Heritage Protection Act**. Chris Tymeson, Chief Attorney for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), spoke in favor of the bill as “no net loss” legislation which would require that department management decisions do not result in a net loss of hunting opportunities on department-managed lands. He recommended amendments in the language so that leased lands and deed restrictions do not impede the intent of the bill. He further commented that the bill addresses only one aspect of KDWP—that of wildlife management. Since KDWP also provides park recreation, the bill should exempt park lands from the provisions of the act.

Mr. Tymeson responded to members’ questions regarding the bill.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2234**.

The Chairman opened further discussion on **HB 2208**. A motion was made and seconded to recommend **HB 2208** as favorable for passage (Motion, Representative Bowers; second, Representative Gatewood). After brief discussion, the motion passed. A further motion was seconded and passed to place the bill on the House Consent Calendar (Motion, Representative Bowers; second, Representative Gatewood).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6.