

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:45 p.m. on March 11, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

- Representative Clay Aurand- excused
- Representative Barbara Craft- excused
- Representative Doug Gatewood- excused
- Representative Mario Goico- excused
- Representative Joe Seiwert- excused
- Chairman, Tom Sloan- excused

Committee staff present:

- Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

- Brad Harrelson, Kansas Farm Bureau
- Denise Unruh, Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF)
- Tom Fryer, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice-Chairman Pat George welcomed and introduced the conferees.

Brad Harrelson, State Policy Director, Kansas Farm Bureau, discussed the drain of wealth rural areas are experiencing and will experience in the future. He referred to portions of testimony before the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee given last year by Carolyn Dunn, Stafford County: her work with her local community foundation, the Transfer of Wealth study, and call for tax credits to encourage contributions to community foundations. He also mentioned the need for access to high speed broadband in rural areas ([Attachment 1](#)).

Questions were asked by Vice-Chairman Pat George and Representatives Raj Goyle and Tom Hawk.

Denise Unruh, Vice-Chairman, Kansas Association of Community Foundations Executive Director, South Central Community Foundation, introduced colleagues Tom Fryer, Manhattan Community Foundation, Roger Viola, President, Topeka Community Foundation, and Chip Blazer, Director, Douglas Community Foundation, Lawrence. She talked about the three year old Kansas Association of Community Foundations: the vision - increase philanthropy; the mission - support all charities and their endowments; and the gray area between charitable work and economic development ([Attachment 2](#)).

Questions were asked by Representatives Tom Hawk and Don Hineman.

Tom Fryer, past President, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, provided information about Transfer of Wealth studies and the \$66 billion estimated in 2008 to transfer in Kansas by 2020. KACF's goal is for our non-profits to capture \$2.8 billion by 2020 and retain those funds in permanent endowments. Education, communication and tax credits are key for success. Mr Fryer mentioned the work Nebraska and Iowa have done to retain wealth in rural communities ([Attachment 3](#)).

Representatives Tom Hawk and Don Hineman asked several questions.

Vice-Chairman Pat George thanked the conferees for their presentations.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.