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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Sallee at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, 1993 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present or excused:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Theodore K. Ensley, Secretary, KS Dept Wildlife & Parks

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Janis Lee introduced Theodore (Ted) K. Ensley to committee members noting his educational qualifications as well as the many accomplishments during his career. Senator Lee requested the committee seriously consider Mr. Ensley for the position of Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Mr. Theodore D. Ensley related to the committee that his management style and philosophy is proactive that is, hands on. It was noted that Wildlife and Parks Department would hold seminars on improving customer service. Attachment 1

A number of issues were discussed concerning how endangered species were determined, whether Kansas had additional endangered species other than those named by the EPA, the need to be sensitive to people's livelihood when considering areas to be set aside as well as a number of other policy ramifications.

Several committee members expressed concern with regard to the fact that the state has paid claims for certain restitution issues but does not seem to consider unavailability of the land to the owner a problem although the owner must continue to pay taxes on such land.

Senator Lee made a motion to recommend Theodore K. Ensley to the position of Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to the full body of the Senate. Senator Morris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Written testimony in support of Theodore K. Ensley's confirmation for Secretary to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks was submitted by Bill Anderson, Commissioner, Wildlife and Parks Commission. Attachment 2

Members received a handout which listed the qualifications, powers and duties for the secretary of wildlife and parks. Attachment 3

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 1993.

GUEST LIST

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Theodore D. Ensley
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REMARKS OF THEODORE D. ENSLEY

SECRETARY, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS

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As Secretary, I am directly involved with the development and implementation of agency policy. My management style and philosophy is proactive: "hands on." It is very important that Wildlife and Parks be proactive, efficient and responsive to the public. This proactive approach requires a great deal of enthusiasm, commitment, and cooperation. This is the tone I will promote for the Department of Wildlife and Parks. To assist in meeting this objective agency employees will attend seminars next month on improving customer service.

To provide those services, recreational opportunities and conservation practices will require a renewed effort from the people of Wildlife and Parks. We must be efficient both in administering budgets and managing staff. Time, effort and study have been devoted to finding ways to improve Wildlife and Parks. One of my first actions as Secretary was to initiate an internal study of the Department's organizational structure and

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fiscal management procedures to determine if, and how, we can improve our efficiency and public responsiveness.

The results of these studies will be used to implement positive changes within Wildlife and Parks. These changes will increase the efficiency and accountability of Wildlife and Parks and provide full value for each license and tax dollar received. Some changes, such as travel cost reductions and reorganization of engineering assets, have been implemented. These two changes have proven positive.

I hope to change the focus of the agency's current planning efforts to take a more proactive role in service delivery. Available information strongly suggests that many Kansans are interested in outdoor activities, other than hunting and fishing. Still, opportunities for alternative recreational activities are limited. A proactive, continuous planning approach, could address these problems and provide strategies to satisfy future needs.

Historically, department personnel have assembled a tremendous amount of data on wildlife, fisheries and resource management but lack vital information on the people we serve. To plan for the future, Wildlife and Parks must know more about the preferences, attitudes and expectations of Kansans. A responsive public agency must keep an open line of communication with recreation enthusiasts, constituent groups, elected officials and various industries which support public recreational activities. We will work with all interested parties; including those which have not been proponents of Wildlife and Parks programs in the past. Only

by listening to all the people of Kansas, can we truly provide public service.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks must improve its ability and willingness to communicate with the public and promote the mission of the agency. Traditional methods of communication will be expanded to include additional public informational meetings and Wildlife and Parks Commission meetings concentrating on specific issues, such as the recent meeting on Cheyenne Bottoms. I am committed to actively seek out the concerns and desires of the citizens we serve and the constituents with which we work.

My professional career has been devoted to public service and I look forward to serving as the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Experience has taught me that proactive leadership, efficiency and public responsiveness will make us at Wildlife and Parks better public servants. Thank you for providing me an opportunity to present my vision for Wildlife and Parks.



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DATE: JANUARY 26, 1993

**TO: SENATOR DON SALLEE, CHAIRMAN
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**FROM: BILL ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER
WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMISSION**

RE: TED ENSLEY, CONFIRMATION HEARING

I strongly urge your committee's confirmation of Ted Ensley as Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Ted more than adequately meets the statutory requirement of "education and experience"...in addition to his professional training in Wildlife Biology, he has a proven successful career in natural resource management.

After serving with Ted for 3 years on the Wildlife and Parks Commission, I am personally confident he possesses the necessary management skills to lead the Department thru difficult financial and administrative times.

contracts entered into pursuant to the state water plan; and approve amendments to the state water plan, State Water Planning Act, or any of the legislation concerning water resources of the state which is submitted by the Water Office; approve policy changes concerning pricing of water for sale; approve guidelines for conservation plans and practices.

wildlife and fish; and inform the public of natural resources of the state.

WATER OFFICE, DIRECTOR

Qualifications (K.S.A. 74-2613). None stated. Powers and Duties (Ch. 74, Art. 26). The Director is the administrative officer of the Kansas Water Office which duties include developing the state water plan; developing guidelines for the water plan; developing guidelines for water conservation plans and practices; establishing guidelines relating to the existence of drought; seeking and accepting grants and money; acquiring water rights; and issuing revenue bonds for reservoirs projects. The Director serves as Secretary of the Kansas Water Authority.

WILDLIFE AND PARKS, SECRETARY OF

Qualifications (K.S.A. 32-801). Appointed by the Governor, the Secretary shall be fully qualified by education, training, and experience in wildlife, parks, or natural resources, or a related field, and shall have demonstrated executive and administrative abilities. Powers and Duties (K.S.A. 32-807). The Secretary may acquire, establish, preserve, and improve state parks, lakes, recreational grounds, wildlife and natural areas, fish hatcheries and habitats; operate and regulate the use of state parks, lakes, recreational, and other wildlife areas; boat inspection and regulation; develop public recreation; establish rules and regulations relating to the taking of

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