

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Robert Tyson at 8:35 a.m. on February 7, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senator Tyson, Senator Downey, Senator Lee, Senator Taddiken, Senator Huelskamp and Senator Umbarger

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Shannon Stone, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mary Jane Stattelmann, Program Administrator, Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board
Rick Bean, Remediation Section Chief, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending: Please see attached list.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members of the Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board.

Testimony

Mary Jane Stattelmann appeared before the Committee to give an overview of the Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board (KARB). She gave written and oral testimony explaining the purpose of the Board and the programs it administers. (Attachment 1) Ms. Stattelmann explained that through **SB 501** the following programs have been enabled:

1. Remediation Linked Deposit Loan Program
2. Remediation Reimbursement Program
3. Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board

Commenting on the application process for the Reimbursement Program, Ms. Stattelmann stated that to date, only one application has been denied. The average remediation reimbursement in 2002 was just under \$47,000.00. She provided Committee members with KARB's financial statement. (Attachment 2)

In response to a question put forth by staff, Ms. Stattelmann affirmed that an applicant may apply for a reimbursement any number of times, yet total aid to that applicant may not exceed \$200,000.

Both the Loan Program and the Reimbursement Program will sunset in the year 2010.

A brief question and answer period followed testimony.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE at 8:30 a.m. on February 7, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.