

Approved: 2-4-00
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2000, in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
 Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
 Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

 Mark Beck, Director, Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Umbarger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2000 meeting as submitted.
Senator Stephens seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Beck, Director, Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of Revenue, appeared before the committee to respond to several questions resulting from last week's meeting with the Department. Mr. Beck provided written testimony describing the process of reaching use value of Kansas agricultural land valuation. An answer to another request was regarding the tax bases. Mr. Beck provided information on the history of the statewide bases, comparative values and information about a bill that is to be introduced that would allow no adjustment for land productivity. (Attachment 1).

The next meeting will be February 4, 2000.