

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

February 8, 1999 - 2:00 P.M.
Room 305, State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Howard Nielson, Co-Chair
 Rep. Evan L. Olsen, Co-Chair
 Sen. Joseph Hull
 Rep. Craig W. Buttars
 Rep. Ben C. Ferry
 Rep. Fred J. Fife III
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Rep. Tom Hatch
 Rep. Michael R. Styler
 Rep. Jordan Tanner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. David Steele

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
 Jean Holyoak, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. Evan Olsen called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Rep. Olsen turned the time over to Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Mr. Braxton presented the Committee an overview of the functions of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The Division accounts for and protects the rights of all surface property and mineral owners in oil and gas operations.

Mr. Steven Allred presented the Analyst's budget recommendations for the Division. He mentioned to the Committee two adjustments in funding in the budget: General Fund - Fixed Collections: \$1,293,500 adjusted to \$1,283,200; Dedicated Credits: \$99,900 adjusted to \$110,200.

Administration	\$ 1,186,300
Oil & Gas Conservation	1,306,300
Minerals Reclamation	383,300
Coal Reclamation	1,348,000
Abandoned Mines	1,953,000
Total	\$6,176,900

MOTION: Rep. Jordan Tanner made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's budget recommendations for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in the amount of \$6,176,900 as well as proposed intent language and fee schedules. The motion passed. Voting against the motion were Sen. Howard Nielson and Rep. Michael Styler.

MOTION: Sen. Howard Nielson made a motion to update the table showing statutory distribution of mineral lease funds as follows:

Board of Regents:	26.80%
Permanent Community Impact Fund:	39.20%

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Hatch.

Rep. Olsen called upon Mr. Lee Allison, Director, Division of Utah Geological Survey. Mr. Allison explained the mission of the Utah Geological Survey which is to make Utah richer and safer by generating, interpreting, preserving, and distributing geologic information.

Mr. Allred presented the Analyst's budget recommendations for the Division of Utah Geological Survey as follows:

Administration	\$ 577,800
Board	4,300
Technical Services	930,300
Applied Geology	407,700
Economic Geology	2,340,900
Mapping	384,300
Environmental Sciences	328,400
Total	\$4,973,700

MOTION: Sen. Nielson made a motion to put \$42,000 for Utah Geological Survey's Applied Geology program on the priority list for additional funding. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Tom Hatch.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's budget recommendation and intent language for the Utah Geological Survey in the amount of \$4,973,700. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Hatch.

Upon motion by Rep. Tanner, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Rep. Evan Olsen, Co-Chairman

Sen. Howard Nielson, Co-Chairman