

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

February 17, 1999 - 4:30 P.M.
Room 305, State Capitol

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Tom Hatch

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

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Sen. Howard Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Upon motion by Rep. Jordan Tanner, the minutes of February 12, 1999 were approved unanimously.

Mr. Steven Allred reviewed intent language the Committee had approved for various divisions within the Department of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food. All items of intent were approved with the exception of #6, #10 and #13. Number 10 and #13 were deleted as recommended by the Analyst. An amendment to Item #6 was made as follows:

MOTION: Rep. Michael Styler made a motion to amend the intent language for Agricultural Inspection as follows:

“It is the intent of the Legislature that if HB 254 passes, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food apply rule-making authority after consultation with the seed industry, the Utah Seed Council and the Utah Crop Improvement Association.”

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Craig Buttars made a motion to adopt the non-lapsing authorization list for the Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$945,200. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. David Steele.

MOTION: Eight motions were made to adopt the non-lapsing authorization list for eight Department of Natural Resources line items in the amount of \$3,538,900. The motion passed unanimously.

The Analyst presented the following supplemental funding recommendations for FY 1999, with \$57,700 coming from the General Fund:

School & Institutional Trust Lands Adm.	\$ 20,500
Agriculture and Food	14,500
DNR - Forestry, Fire & State Lands	120,000
DNR - Parks & Recreation	1,113,700
DNR - Wildlife Resources	30,000
Total	\$1,298,700

The Committee unanimously adopted the above supplemental figures. Included in the supplemental funding recommendations was a transfer of \$100,000 for planning the construction of the Utah Fieldhouse of Natural History in Vernal from the Parks and Recreation operating budget to the Parks and Recreation capital budget. Also included was a technical correction to the Wildlife Resources FY 1999 appropriation.

The Committee unanimously adopted the following priority list for extra funds for the Department of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food in order of priority:

1. Applied Geology Specialist (UGS)	\$ 42,000
2. Stream Alteration Specialist (Water Rights)	54,000
3. Geographic Information System (Agriculture)	59,000
4. Advertising Budget (Water Rights)	10,000
5. Agriculture Grain Inspection	20,000
6. Wildlife Operating Budget	12,700
7. Land Purchase (Wildlife Resources)	75,000
8. Biological Control of Weeds (Agriculture)	150,000
9. Contractural Reporter-Delta Auction	4,000
10. Purchase of Water (Parks & Recreation)	225,000
11. Conservation Officer (Wildlife Resources)	40,000
12. Wide Hollow Reservoir Rd. (Governor's budget)	50,000
13. Oil, Gas and Mining shortfall	267,000
14. Utah Geological Survey shortfall	100,000
15. Critical Lands Fund	1,000,000

The Committee upon motion by Rep. James Gowans gave final approval to the Analyst's budget recommendations for the Department of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food and School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration in the amount of \$149,109,700 of which \$43,754,400 is from the General Fund.

MOTION: Sen. Hull made a motion for intent language as follows:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Agriculture and Food transfer any unexpended balance from June 1999 appropriations to the Grain Inspection Program."

The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Rep. Michael Styler made the following motion for intent language:

“It is the intent of the Legislature that any reports on the Natural Resources motor pool fleet be carried out in coordination with the Natural Resources Fiscal Analyst, and provided to the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee as well as the Department of Natural Resources management”

Upon motion by Rep.Gowans, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Rep. Evan Olsen, Co-Chairman

Sen. Howard Nielson, Co-Chairman