

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
January 19, 2001
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Parley Hellewell, Co-Chair
Rep. Michael R. Styler, Co-Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Fred J. Fife III
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Brent D. Parker
Rep. Darin G. Peterson

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Vanean Bitton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Senator Hellewell called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Allred reviewed the revised hearing schedule. By consolidating meetings on January 22 and 24, the meeting for Friday, January 26, 2001 will be cancelled.

Commissioner Cary G. Peterson of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food introduced the directors of each division in the department and addressed the subcommittee concerning department issues.

Mr. Allred discussed the following issues for the Department of Agriculture and Food:

- 2.1: Line item restructuring and consolidation
- 2.2: An additional information technology position: \$50,000 General Funds
- 2.3: Field Automation and Information Management Costs: \$18,600 General Funds
- 2.4: Veterinary Diagnostic Lab maintenance: \$68,000 General Funds.
The subcommittee also discussed the need for a new lab building in the southern part of the state.
- 2.5: Grain Building Maintenance: Additional funding not recommended.
- 2.6: Another Meat Inspector FTE: \$19,100 General Funds
- 2.7: Auction Market Veterinarian: \$12,000 in Dedicated Credits
- 2.8: Biological Control of Weeds: Additional funding not recommended.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriation line items for the Department

of Agriculture and Food be consolidated into a smaller number, and follow the organizational structure of the department.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to place items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, and 2.7 on a priority list for funding, should additional funds become available.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Administration** line item of \$7,651,600, with \$5,870,700 from the General Fund.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for grants to charitable organizations specified under Section 57-18-3, or held by the Department of Agriculture and Food be used for purchase of conservation easements for agricultural protection and be considered nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the FY 2001 one-time General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for "Ag in the Classroom" be nonlapsing.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Senator Wright.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to have the Analyst add ongoing funding for Trichomoniasis control to the priority list, and to approve intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the FY 2001 one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 for Trichomoniasis control be nonlapsing.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Senator Wright.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended funds from the appropriation for pesticide disposal amnesty be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the proceeds from fertilizer assessments authorized in UCA 4-13-3 be held as nonlapsing dedicated credits.

It is the intent of the Legislature that license fees collected from pesticide applicators for educational and testing materials be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds for the Pesticide Control program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food use its rulemaking authority granted in UCA 4-16-3 to make rules concerning seed container labeling requirements, after consultation with the seed industry, the Utah Seed Council, and the Utah Crop Improvement Association.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds collected in the Organic Certification Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the FY 2001 one-time General Fund appropriation of \$90,000 for private grazing land improvements be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the FY 2001 one-time General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 for biological control of weeds be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Peterson.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Marketing and Development** line item of \$856,100, with \$797,000 from the General Fund.

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation of \$100,000 for Agribusiness Development be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote was Senator Wright.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funding approved for Soil Conservation District elections be nonlapsing and be spent only during even-numbered years when elections take place.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote was Senator Wright.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to prioritize funding of \$50,000 for the Utah High School Association Rodeo Program.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote was Senator Wright.

MOTION: Rep. Fife moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Research Program appropriation be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Parker.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Loans Program** of \$314,100, funded entirely from the two loan funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Brand Inspection** line item of \$1,036,300, with \$393,400 from the General Fund.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Predatory Animal Control** line item of \$1,128,200, with \$621,900 from the General Fund.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated to Predatory Animal Control be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, ~~if a \$5 deer permit is enacted~~, the Division of Wildlife Resources use revenues from the \$5 deer permit increase approved for 2001 to transfer \$200,000 General Funds to the Department of Agriculture and Food. It is further the intent of the Legislature that \$100,000 of this transfer be used to match funds from local governments in the Predatory Animal Control Program, and \$100,000 be used to supplement the amount required by UCA 4-23-9(2)(a).

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Parker.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Auction Market Veterinarian** line item of \$72,000, entirely from Dedicated Credits, with \$12,000 coming from a recommended appropriation increase.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Auction Market Veterinarian collection be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Ferry.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Sheep Promotion** line item of \$50,000, funded entirely from restricted funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Soil Conservation Commission** line item of \$9,600, entirely from General Funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Grain Inspection** line item of \$407,900, entirely from Dedicated Credits.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that Dedicated Credits received by the Grain Inspection program be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Buttars.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Agricultural Environmental Quality** line item of \$1,480,700, with \$299,600 from General Funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Insect Infestation** line item of \$208,100, with \$195,300 from General Funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Resource Conservation** line item of \$1,238,200, with \$1,008,500 from General Funds.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the intent language as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Soil Conservation Districts submit annual reports documenting supervisory expenses to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the Soil Conservation Commission. It is also the intent of the Legislature that these documents be reviewed and reported to the Governor and the 2001 Legislature.

It is the intent of the Legislature that collections for the "Ag Tag" license plate be nonlapsing.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Buttars.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to prioritize between \$50,000 to \$75,000 ongoing General Funds for an Animal Feed Operation staff member at the Soil Conservation Districts.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Buttars.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Building Operation and Maintenance** line item of \$228,000, entirely from General Funds.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Data Processing Internal Service** Fund of \$251,600 in revenues and \$251,600 in expenditures, with three FTE and \$58,000 in authorized capital outlays.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the **Agricultural Fees** as shown in the Analyst's report.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Buttars.

Snow College South presented a request regarding their Farm/Ranch Management Program.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to have the Chairs work to identify alternative funding sources for the

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Farm/Ranch Management Program at Snow College South.

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Senator Wright and Rep. Buttars.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Rep. Michael R. Styler, Co-Chairman

Sen. Parley Hellewell, Co-Chairman