

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
January 24, 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

Rep. Michael R. Styler called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**MOTION:**       Rep. Ferry moved to approve the minutes of the January 19 and January 22, 2001 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Styler relinquished the chair to Senator Hellewell.

Bob Morgan, State Engineer, presented an overview of the **Division of Water Rights** and addressed the subcommittee concerning division issues.

Mr. Allred pointed out that as a regulatory agency, the division is funded almost entirely with General Funds. He recommended an ongoing General Fund increase of \$40,000 for increased advertising costs.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the Division of Water Rights of \$6,511,200, with \$5,644,900 from the General Fund. Mr. Allred's recommendations for the programs within this line item include:

Administration	\$510,500
Appropriation	697,500
Dam Safety	523,900
Adjudication	634,300
Cooperative Studies	561,500
Special Investigations	559,700
Advertising	80,000
Area Office	2,177,500
River Systems	766,300

With regard to the Dam Safety Program, Mr. Allred recommended maintaining the intent language of H.B. 1 from the 2000 General Session.

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

*It is the intent of the Legislature that the federal funds appropriation be nonlapsing.*

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Fife moved to approve the fees for the Division of Water Rights. The vote was unanimous.

A presentation was given by Fee Busby of the Utah State University Extension Service on extension delivery of remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems technology. The Extension Service is requesting \$300,000 from the Legislature so that their services can be made available to the citizens of Utah.

Mr. Richard Allis, Director of the **Utah Geological Survey**, presented an overview of the agency and introduced members of his staff.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the Utah Geological Survey of \$4,371,800, with \$2,282,600 from the General Fund. Mr. Allred's recommendations for the programs within this line item include:

Administration	\$528,500
Technical Services	507,300
Applied Geology	494,000
Board	10,100
Geologic Mapping	489,300
Economic Geology	1,172,400
Environmental	652,700
Geologic Extension Service	517,500
Data Processing Current Expense	3,500

**MOTION:** Senator Allen moved to approve the intent language as follows:

*It is the intent of the Legislature that Mineral Lease funds be nonlapsing.*

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

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

*It is the intent of the Legislature that the Utah Geological Survey request reimbursement from the State Office of Education for inspections of proposed school sites in accordance with rule R277-455-4.*

The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote was Rep. Johnson.

**MOTION:** Rep. Parker moved to approve the fees for the Utah Geological Survey.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Styler moved to tentatively approve the budget for the Utah Geological Survey.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to tentatively approve the budget for the Water Rights Division.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Fife moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Rep. Michael R. Styler, Co-Chairman

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Sen. Parley Hellewell, Co-Chairman