

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
February 11, 2004
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chair
Sen. Parley Hellewell
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Michael Noel
Rep. Darin G. Peterson
Rep. Michael R. Styler
Rep. R. Curt Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Ron Allen
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair

STAFF: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Cindy Hopkin, Committee Secretary

SPEAKERS: Debra Spielmaker, Director, Agriculture in the Classroom

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Sen. Hatch called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2004. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen, Sen. Hellewell, Rep. Ure, Rep. Ferry, and Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

Ms. Spielmaker presented the Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) program's accomplishments and budget needs to the committee.

Mr. Allred presented his FY 2004 supplemental appropriation recommendations to the committee. He recommended a total supplemental of \$1,615,800 of which \$0 is from the General Fund. He gave 8 recommendations on pages 4 and 5 of the handout for the following programs: Egg and Poultry Grader, Agriculture Building Maintenance, Utah Energy Office, Utah Lake Boundary Settlements, State Park Collections, Soldier Hollow Golf, Off-Highway Vehicle Rider Management and Capital Development Opportunities (SITLA).

Mr. Allred spoke about the agencies' request regarding intent language in the Supplemental Appropriations Act which would preserve any or all of the agencies' unrestricted fund

appropriation balance. He recommended a one-time projects list on pages 6 and 7 of the handout.

Sen. Hatch presented the committee with a list of potential items to fund in the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Department of Natural Resources. He recommended the committee prioritize the list in case increased General Funds become available to the subcommittee.

Sen. Hatch reported that Rep. Ure is working on a proposal regarding "mega" or "super" stores which, if incorporated into a bill, will bring in approximately \$500,000.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chairman

Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chairman