

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 445, State Capitol

February 12, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Mike Noel, Chair
Rep. Doug Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Kay Christofferson
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steve Handy
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Mike McKell
Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Ryan Wilcox
Rep. Larry Wiley

Members Excused: Rep. Susan Duckworth

Staff Present: Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes

Chair Noel called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to approve the revised minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting and the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Sagers, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

H.B. 67 **Political Subdivision Jurisdiction Amendments** (*Rep. M. Roberts*)

This bill was not heard.

H.B. 49 **Water Rights - Change Application Amendments** (*Rep. K. McIff*)

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to replace HB49 with 1st Sub. HB49. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Sagers, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

1st Sub. H.B. 49 Water Rights - Change Application Amendments (Rep. K. McIff)

Rep. McIff explained the bill to the committee. A handout, "Water Ownership," was distributed to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Patrick Painter, citizen
 Dave Ure, citizen
 Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition
 Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Spoke to the bill: Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
 Kent Jones, State Engineer

Spoke against the bill: Steve Styler, representing various irrigation companies

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Nelson voting in opposition and Rep. Handy absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Handy absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Mike E. Noel, Chair