

**MINUTES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**
Monday, November 18, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 403 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Dan Eastman, Senate Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars, House Chair
Sen. Parley Hellewell
Sen. Millie Peterson
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Cindy Beshear
Rep. Glenn Donnelson
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Peggy Wallace
Mr. Richard Nielson*
Mr. Flint Richards*

Members Absent:

Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Darin Peterson
Mr. Todd Ballard*
Mr. Arthur Douglas*
Mr. Chris Falco*
Dr. Bruce Godfrey*
Mr. Stan Hamblin*
Mr. Randy Parker*
Mr. Clark Willis*

Staff Present:

Mr. O. William Asplund, Assistant Director
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sandra Wissa, Legislative Secretary

*Non-voting members

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. Dr. Godfrey and Mr. Randy Parker were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson absent for the vote.

2. Draft Legislation "Agricultural Products Dealer's Act Amendments"

Mr. James L. Wilson explained that this legislation combines the two separate pieces of legislation which were approved at the last meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to adopt the final version of draft legislation "Agricultural Products Dealer's Act Amendments" as a Task Force bill to recommend to the Natural Resources, Agricultural, and Environment Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson absent for the vote.

3. Licensed and Un-licensed Warehouses and Commodity Dealers

A. Information from the Department of Agriculture and Food

Mr. Cary Peterson, Commissioner, and Mr. Seth Winterton, Mr. Kyle Stephens, and Mr. Richard Wilson, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, provided information on the workgroup meeting that was held on this subject earlier this month. They also reviewed and distributed "Chapter 7: Agricultural Products and Livestock Dealer's Act" with noted changes that the Department feels would provide additional protection for producers when using warehouses and storage bins.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to adopt draft legislation "Chapter 7: Agricultural Products and Livestock Dealer's Act" with the minor changes as suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Options

Mr. William O. Asplund distributed and reviewed "Options for the Future." He explained future actions to be considered by the Legislature.

4. Final Report to Natural Resources, Agricultural, and Environment Interim Committee

Chair Buttars explained that the final report will included a presentation of the two bills and information that the Task Force has received from different sources during the year.

5. Other Item/Adjourn

Chair Buttars expressed appreciation to the Department of Agriculture and Food for all of its information and he thanked the Task Force members, the Senate Chair, and staff.

Sen. Eastman expressed appreciation to Chair Buttars.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.