

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 25 House Office Building

February 3, 2014

**Members Present:** Sen. David Hinkins, Co-Chair  
Rep. John G. Mathis, Co-Chair  
Rep. Mike McKell, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. John L. Valentine  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Rep. Jerry Anderson  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus  
Rep. Jon Cox  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Brian Greene  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

**Staff:** Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Angela Oh, Economist  
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Sen. Hinkins called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

**1. Utah State Fair Corporation**

Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, directed the subcommittee to the Base Budget Bill, Item 34, which can be accessed online by going to this committee on the Legislature's website and clicking on "related materials." The State Fair Corporation has been given the commission to become self-sufficient. He commented on the recommendation in the document "Proposed Funding Sources, 2014 General Session" proposing action to replace \$300,000 of the ongoing appropriation to the State Fair Corporation with one-time General Fund, keeping the total funding for FY 2015 unchanged, but making the ongoing \$300,000 available in FY 2015 for other priorities.

Mike Steele, Executive Director, Utah State Fair, assisted by Judy Duncombe, reported on projects to improve the Fairpark and State Fair. Taking direction from the Utah State Fair Corporation Board of Directors, efforts have been implemented to upgrade and maintain the facility, create new events year-round, initiate an active process to carry out the master plan, treat the fair like a business to make it a profitable event, work with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management on large capitol projects on the grounds, and execute the lease of the Fairpark.

Evan Curtis, Budget and Policy Analyst, Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) responded to questions from the subcommittee regarding the Fairpark lease. He noted that GOMB is waiting for the results of the current audit before making decisions in connection with the lease.

**2. Other Business**

Brad Johnson, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), along with Craig Silotti, Financial Manager, advised the subcommittee on the status of the Chevron oil spill in Willard Bay, noting that the overall settlement was over \$5,000,000.

**3. Discussion and Vote on H.B. 5, Base Budget**

Mr. Djambov addressed questions from the subcommittee, particularly questions regarding nonlapsing funds.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to approve H.B. 5 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to adjourn. Sen. Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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