



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 1, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson

Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Suzanne Harrison
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Logan Wilde

Staff Present:

Mr. Steve Benard, Session Secretary
Mr. Timothy G. Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

1 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. S. Handy
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

[1-Detailed Agenda 2-1-19](#)

2 . Wildlife Resources

[2-Division of Wildlife Resources, Agency Presentation](#)

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, introduced the major restricted accounts used by the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Chair Chew commented on how funds were affected due to drought.

Mr. Ivan Djambov discussed the Base Budget Bill.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about base budgets minus a percentage, and Mr. Djambov explained.

Rep. Stratton commented regarding reimbursement for livestock.

Chair Chew commented on predator losses.

Rep. Stratton continued his questions, Mr. Djambov answered.

Sen. Sandall commented on livestock damage funding. Mr. Djambov explained using a chart.

Mr. Djambov discussed Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fees, performance measures, and funding requests.

Mike Fowlks, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources, assisted by Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief, and Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, made a presentation regarding the purchase of Tabby Mountain.

Mr. Miles Moretti, President and CEO of the Mule Deer Foundation, spoke in favor of funding.

Rep. Snider commented on appropriations funding.

Rep. Stratton asked various questions regarding donations to the State of Utah.

Chair Chew commented on Tabby Mountain.

Rep. Harrison asked clarifying questions regarding multiple use and forestry management.

Sen. Winterton commented on proper management of resources.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question regarding multiple use leases.

Rep. Lyman commented in favor of expanding the Recreation of Public Purposes Act.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about Quagga Mussels.

Rep. Christofferson asked questions regarding fee requests for Quagga Mussels.

Sen. Iwamoto asked a question regarding Quagga Mussels and power-washing boats.

3 . Parks and Recreation

[3-Parks, Agency Presentation](#)

Mr. Ivan Djambov explained the Parks and Recreation document.

Jeff Rasmussen, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation, assisted by Mr. Scott Strong, Deputy Director, Division of Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation about the division.

Sen. Iwamoto commented and asked questions regarding Bear Lake. Director Jeff Rasmussen answered.

Rep. Handy commented on the vision and asked the status of a power line.

Rep. Perry commented on various items about the east side of Bear Lake, etc.

4 . Utah Geological Survey

[4-Utah Geological Survey, Agency Presentation](#)

Mr. Ivan Djambov, fiscal analyst, mentioned various items regarding the Utah Geological Survey's budget.

Mr. Bill Keach, Director, with assistance from Ms. Jodi Patterson, Financial Manager, both of Utah Geological Survey, presented.

[4a-Utah Geological Survey, Agency Handout](#)

Chair Chew asked a question, and Mr. Bill Keach answered.

Director Bill Keach continued by explaining how the GIO distributes information to the public.

Ms. Jodi Patterson clarified one budget item.

Sen. Winterton asked a question about revenue shortfalls. Mr. Bill Keach answered.

Mr. Ivan Djambov also answered Sen. Winterton's question.

Rep. Kwan asked questions regarding performance measures and Mr. Bill Keach deferred the answer.

Rep. Stratton asked a question about included presentations. Mr. Djambov answered that they will be included online.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

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Nays-0

Absent-5

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Sen. S. Sandall
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Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:49.