



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 7, 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
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

Members Absent:

Sen. Ronald Winterton

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 Barlow called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

1 . Department of Agriculture and Food

Mr. Ivan Djambov explained the location of the online documents, and presented the information on the Department of Agriculture and Food.

[1-Detailed Agenda 2-7-19](#)

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding restricted funds, and Mr. Djambov explained.

Ms. LuAnn Adams, Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, addressed various items explained by Mr. Djambov, and then gave a presentation.

Sen. Okerlund asked a question about the funding for the cannabis program. Ms. Adams explained.

[2-Agriculture, Agency Presentation](#)

Commissioner LuAnn Adams gave a presentation of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Rep. Chew made a comment regarding predator impact on livestock.

Sen. Wilde commented on predation.

Rep. Kwan commented on predators, and asked about coordination of efforts.

Mr. Chad Heuser, State Director of Wildlife Services, explained regarding livestock depredation and supervision of trappers.

Rep. Snider commented on predator impact and in support of the program.

Commissioner LuAnn Adams made additional commentary on the need for more trappers.

Rep. Harrison asked about loss compensation due to predators, and Mr. Heuser answered her regarding predator losses.

Rep. Albrecht commented on predation losses and in support of the program.

Rep. Harrison asked about other states' predator compensation programs, and Ms. Adams and Mr. Heuser explained.

Rep. Chew commented on predation losses.

Commissioner Adams gave a presentation about the department's request for additional funding for water efficiency projects.

Commissioner Adams gave a presentation on the cannabis program.

Rep. Kwan asked about changing fees for industrial hemp, and Commissioner Adams explained them.

Rep. Stratton asked questions regarding the funding request, answered by Scott Ericson, Deputy Commissioner of Department of Agriculture and Food.

Commissioner Adams commented on the department's need to update their computer system.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about their efforts to purchase a new system, and Commissioner Adams and Mr. Ericson answered.

Mr. Scott Ericson commented on the department requests for additional appropriations in Dedicated Credits.

Sen. Hinkins asked various questions regarding the management of the computer systems, and Mr. Ericson answered.

2 . RFA - Incentivizing Local Food Purchases for School Meals, Rep. Handy

Rep. Handy introduced co-presenters: Mr. Jack Wilber, Local Food Advisory Council, Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, Sen. Davis, Lincoln Shurtz, Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association, and Dr. Ruby Ward, Utah State University.

3 . RFA - Food Innovation Implementation Coordinator, Rep. Handy

4 . RFA - Local Food Hub Startup Development Fund, Rep. Handy

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz and Dr. Ruby Ward presented information about the Food Hub request.

Rep. Handy presented information on the Food Hub.

Sen. Hinkins had a comment regarding coordination between food programs.

Rep. Stratton asked a question. Mr. Sterling Brown answered.

Dr. Ruby Ward defined Food Hub.

5 . RFA - Utah Produce Incentives/Double Up Food Bucks, Rep. Handy

Rep. Handy differentiated between the two programs and introduced 3 speakers.

Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, Amanda Theobald, farmer, and Marc Waterson, American Heart Association, presented.

Rep. Snider asked question on gross sales, and Ms. Theobald answered.

Mr. Marc Waterson presented information regarding the incentive program.

Rep. Snider asked a question regarding produce metrics.

Mr. Mark Waterson, presented and explained the Apples Crunch program in Utah schools.

Mr. Jordan Riley, fruit farmer, presented regarding the Food Hub and Double Up food markets.

Rep. Handy spoke about an FTE at the Department of Agriculture.

6 . Utah State Fair Corporation

Mr. Larry Mullenax, Executive Director of the Utah State Fair Corporation, presented various funding requests.

[7-Utah State Fair Corporation, Agency Presentation](#)

Sen. Hinkins asked about food trucks, and Mr. Mullenax explained.

Sen. Hinkins asked questions regarding sponsor contracts, and Mr. Mullenax answered.

Rep. Christofferson asked about the likelihood that the State Fair may become self-sustaining, and Mr. Mullenax answered.

Sen. Hinkins commented on potential hazard costs, and Mr. Mullenax answered.

7 . RFA - Olympic-Caliber Skateboard Park at the Utah State Fairpark, Rep. McKell

Rep. Mike McKell presented with assistance from Mr. Larry Mullenax.

Sen. Hinkins commented and asked questions, and Mr. Larry Mullenax and Rep. Mike McKell responded.

Rep. Perry asked a question, and Rep. McKell and Mr. Mullenax answered.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question regarding the skate park enclosure, and Mr. Mullenax explained its purpose.

Rep. Chew asked when the park will be completed, and Mr. Mullenax answered.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Sen. Hinkins. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 1.



Yeas-18

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. R. Winterton

Chair Barlow adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am.