



# MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

### SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 15, 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. 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

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Scott D. Sandall

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

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

### 1 . Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 11, 2019, and Feb. 13, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. C. Snider  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Rep. L. Wilde

### 2 . School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

[2-SITLA, Agency Presentation](#)

Mr. Kim Christy, Deputy Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) presented, with the assistance Ms. Deborah Memmott, Finance Director, SITLA.

Rep. Chew asked a question about revenue, and Mr. Christy answered.

### 3 . RFA - Wolf Delisting, Rep. Albrecht

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht presented the funding with the assistance of Ryan Benson, attorney.

Rep. Snider asked a question about how the current US House may affect legislation. Mr. Benson answered.

Rep. Harrison asked for information regarding past funding, and Mr. Christy answered.

#### **4 . RFA - Utah County Government, Rep. Gibson**

Rep. Gibson presented the funding request, with the assistance of Commissioner Bill Lee of Utah County.

#### **5 . RFA - The Rural Policy and Public Lands Institute (RPPL), Rep. Brooks**

Rep. Brooks presented the funding request, assisted by Celeste Maloy, Chair, Rural Public Policy and Lands.

Sen. Ipson asked a question.

Rep. Lyman commented, agreed with Sen. Ipson, and expressed support.

Rep. Perry presented, with the assistance of Jack Leavitt, Brigham City.

#### **6 . 8:44 a.m. RFA - Brigham City Trail Bridges, Rep. Perry**

Vice chair Chew asked a question, and Mr. Leavitt answered.

Sen. Okerlund asked a question

Chair Barlow asked how much Brigham City has contributed to the project.

#### **7 . RFA - R.S. 2477 Litigation Cost Sharing, Rep. Stratton**

Rep. Stratton presented the funding request, assisted by Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, and Andy Gant, Commissioner, Kane County.

#### **8 . RFA - Wild Horse and Burro Management, Rep. Stratton**

Rep. Stratton presented the funding request.

Rep. Lyman asked a question about a mining accident and roads, and Rep Stratton answered.

Rep Kwan asked about performance measures.

#### **9 . RFA - Specialty Utah Carbon Products - Commercial Demonstration, Rep. Watkins**

Rep. Watkins presented the funding request, with assistance from David Detton, Carbon Eco Global Corporation.

#### **10 . RFA - Reimbursement for Cougar and Bear Livestock Damages, Rep. Wilde**

Rep. Wilde presented the request with the assistance of Tom Boyer, Utah Wool Growers, and Bret Selman.

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding county reimbursements, and Rep. Wilde explained.

**11 . RFA - SITLA Environmental Mitigation, Rep. Wilde**

Rep. Wilde presented the request, with the assistance of Stan Summers, Commissioner of Box Elder County.

Rep. Barlow asked about SITLA.

Rep. Harrison asked about funding use, and Mr. Summers answered.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question, and Mr. Summers answered.

**12 . RFA - Avian Sanctuary and Protection, Sen. Davis and Rep. Hutchings**

Sen. Davis explained the funding request.

Mr. Ivan Djambov asked a clarifying question about the funding request, and Sen. Davis explained.

**13 . RFA - Utah's Hogle Zoo, Rep. Handy**

Rep. Handy presented the funding request, with assistance from Doug Lund, Chief Operating Officer at Hogle Zoo, and Patrick Hogle, Vice Chair, Hogle Zoo Board of Directors.

Rep. Kwan expressed support for the Zoo.

**14 . RFA - Utah Zoological Society - Wild Utah Exhibit, Sen. Fillmore**

Sen. Fillmore presented the funding request, with assistance from Doug Lund and Patrick Hogle of the Hogle Zoo.

**15 . RFA - Carbon Canal Liner, Sen. Hinkins**

Sen. Hinkins introduced the funding request, with assistance from Kevin Cotner, Carbon Canal Company, and Val Oveson, Consultant.

**16 . RFA - Muddy Creek Irrigation Company Pipeline, Sen. Hinkins**

Sen. Hinkins introduced the funding request, assisted by Alexander Tarbet, of Bennett Group DC, and Jim Fauver, Board of Directors, Independent Canal Company.

**17 . RFA - Utah Coal to High-Value Products, Sen. Hinkins**

Sen. Hinkins introduced the funding request, with the assistance of Jeremiah Riley, attorney, and Eric Eddings, Associate Dean for Research, University of Utah.

Sen. Hinkins commented on identifying different uses for coal.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the use of coal.

**18 . RFA - Transmission Line Study, Sen. Okerlund**

Rep. Okerlund introduced the funding request with the assistance of Mr. Ryan Evans, Utah Solar Energy Association.

Rep. Albrecht asked various questions, and Sen. Okerlund and Mr. Evans explained.

**19 . RFA - Strategic and Targeted Forest Fire Treatment and Mitigation, Sen. Winterton**

Sen. Winterton introduced the funding request with the help of Mike Superas, 106 Reforestation.

Rep. Hutchings discussed a model of wildfire best practices.

Rep. Handy asked about aspen plantings, and Mr. Superas explained.

Rep. Snider asked a series of questions, and Mr. Superas explained.

**20 . RFA - 4-H Initiative, Sen. Hillyard**

Sen. Hillyard presented the funding request, with the assistance of Dr. Ken White, Dean at Utah State University, Dave Francis, and Craig Dart.

Chair Barlow explained that details regarding the next meeting schedule will be forthcoming later today.

Rep. Christofferson asked about funding amounts and budget limits.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Rep. L. Wilde

Chair Barlow adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.