



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 | 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. 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

Members Absent:

Sen. Don L. Ipson

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst
Christopher Vizcardo, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

1 . Division of Wildlife Resources

Ivan Djambov, Finance Manager, Office the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), gave a presentation on the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR).

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding the Cougar and Bear Livestock Damage Fund. Ivan Djambov responded.

Mike Fowlks, Director of DWR, responded with support of Brian Steed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief, DWR.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question regarding monthly budget reports. Brian Steed responded.

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

Rep. Chew asked a question regarding Quagga mussels. Mike Fowlks responded.

Chair Hinkins asked a question regarding the Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery. Mike Fowlks responded.

Rep. Snider asked a question regarding the results of lobbying against the federal de-listing of wolves. Mike Fowlks responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about the cougar and bear permits. Chair Hinkins responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about the rebuilding of the Utah State Fish Hatchery. Mike Fowlks responded.

2 . Division of Parks and Recreation

Ivan Djambov gave a presentation on the Division of Parks and Recreation.

Rep. Stratton asked a question regarding restricted funds for the Division of Parks and Recreation. Ivan Djambov responded.

Jeff Rasmussen, Director for the Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR), responded with the assistance of Scott Strong, Deputy Director, DPR.

[3 - Division of Parks and Recreation Presentation](#)

Rep. Stratton asked a question regarding the restricted account levels. Jeff Rasmussen responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Perry asked a question of the impact of Parks and Recreation law enforcement officer on OHV/ATV crashes. Jeff Rasmussen responded.

Rep. Lyman asked a question regarding the revenue coming in from the fiscal incentive grant previously approved. Jeff Rasmussen responded.

3 . Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Ivan Djambov gave a presentation on the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL).

Rep. Christofferson asked what is driving the revenue down within the Sovereign Land Management Restricted Account. Ivan Djambov responded.

Brian Cottam, Director, FFSL, responded to with assistance from Stacy Carroll, Financial Manager, FFSL.

[5 - Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands Presentation](#)

Chair Hinkins asked a question regarding the retirement and salary of wild-land firefighters. Brian Cottam responded. Discussion followed.

Chair Hinkins asked if Sevier Lake was navigable at Statehood. Brian Cottam responded.

Chair Hinkins asked about funds for the Shared Stewardship program. Rep. Snider answered the question. Discussion followed.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about performance measures for the Shared Stewardship program. Brian Cottam responded.

4 . RFA: City of West Jordan "Big Bend" Habitat Restoration Project (Rep.

Rep. Christiansen presented the funding request with support of Mayor Dirk Burton, City of West Jordan.

5 . RFA: Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center (Sen. Harper)

Sen. Harper presented the funding request with support of Tim Brown, President/CEO of Tracy Aviary.

6 . RFA: City of West Jordan "Big Bend" Habitat Restoration Project (Rep.

Sen. Davis spoke in favor of the funding request for the "Big Bend" Habitat Restoration Project.

7 . Adjourn



MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Senate Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting.