



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, February 14, 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. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
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. Daniel W. Thatcher

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Financial 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 8:04 a.m.

[1\) NRAEQ Detailed Agenda 2-14-2020](#)

1 . Utah State Fair Corporation

Lacey Moore, Finance Analyst, Office the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented on the Utah State Fair Corporation.

Larry Mullenax, Executive Director, Utah State Fair Park, presented on the funding request.

[2\) Utah State Fairpark Presentation](#)

Rep. Barlow asked about the term KPI used in the presentation materials. Larry Mullenax responded.

Sen. Okerland commended the staff at the fair park.

Rep. Christofferson asked for a projection on when the fair park will be self-sustaining. Larry Mullenax responded.

Sen. Iwamoto asked about the best route and parking. Larry Mullenax responded.

Rep. Chew spoke favorably of the presentation.

2 . RFA: Street Skateboard Park/State Fair Park (Rep. McKell)

Rep. Michael McKell presented the request for appropriation with assistance from Larry Mullenax.

Larry Mullenax showed photos of the skateboard park plans.

Rep. Perry asked Rep. McKell to get on a skateboard. Rep. McKell agreed.

Rep. Albrecht said he would not support the request for funding unless Rep. McKell bent the sides of his hat.

3 . Days of '47 Shade Screens (Rep. Mussleman)

Rep. Calvin Musselman presented on the Days of '47 Shade Screens request for funding with the assistance of Larry Mullenax.

Larry Mullenax presented on heat-related issues for the fairpark.

Sen. Ipson asked about shading options and the private sector investment opportunities. Larry Mullenax responded.

4 . School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Lacey Moore presented on the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

[5\) SITLA Information Sheet](#)

Dave Ure, Director, SITLA, responded to the presentation with assistance of Deborah Memmott, Finance Director, SITLA.

Deborah Memmott elaborated about SITLA's financial information.

Dave Ure spoke about trespassing on the lands.

Rep. Harrison asked about the difficulties in accessing transmission lines and the grid with solar projects. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Albrecht asked about land ownership and bonding for solar projects. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Lyman asked about land versus representation. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Christofferson asked about overhead costs. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Handy commented on the challenges of land access. Dave Ure responded.

5 . Office of Energy Development

[6\) Office of Energy Development Presentation](#)

Lacey Moore presented on the Office of Energy Development (OED)

Rob Simmons, Interim Director, OED, presented on funding needs with the assistance of Michelle Pasker, Director of Finance, OED.

Sen. Hinkins introduced the Utah Coal to Fiber presentation

6 . RFA: Utah Coal to Carbon Fiber (Sen. Hinkins)

[Utah Coal to Advanced Products Information](#)

Jeremiah Riley, Utah Coal to Fiber Initiative, presented on the funding request.

Eric Eddings, Professor of Chemical Engineering, University of Utah, spoke about the differences of Utah coal relative to other places in the United States.

Lynn Sitterud, Emery County Commission, spoke about the benefits the funding would have in Emery County.

Sen. Hinkins spoke about lowering the cost of the material.

Rep. Albrecht expressed appreciation for finding other energy forms.

7 . Voting Packet Preview and Distribution

Ivan Djambo, Finance Manager, LFA, presented on the voting packet.

8 . Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office

[9\) PLPCO Presentation](#)

Lacey Moore presented on the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO)

Kathleen Clarke, Director, PLPCO, responded to the presentation.

Briane Emery, Natural Resources Planner, PLPCO, presented a film about R.S. 2477 route documentation.

Rep. Perry asked if they had thought about contacting Google for some funding. Kathleen Clarke responded.

Kathleen Clarke talked about the Bellwether Trial.

Briane Emery spoke about resource management plans.

Rep. Stratton commended the presentation.

9 . RFA: American Lands Council (Rep. Lyman)

Rep. Lyman presented the funding request.

10 . RFA: Constitutional Defense Council (Rep. Stratton)

Rep. Stratton presented on the funding request.

11 . RFA: Wild Horse and Burro Management (Rep. Stratton)

Rep. Stratton presented on the Wild Horse and Burro Management funding request with the assistance of Redge Johnson, PLPCO, and Tammy Pearson, Beaver County Commission.

Rep. Handy asked where the horses are relocated to. Redge Johnson answered.

12 . RFA: Rural Policy and Public Lands Institute (Rep. Snow)

[Rural Policy and Public Lands Institute Information](#)

Rep. Snow spoke about funding for Rural Policy and Public Lands Institute (RPPL) with the assistance of Commissioner Stan Summers, Board of Directors, RPPL.

13 . RFA: Watershed Restoration Initiative (Sen. Okerlund)

Sen. Okerlund presented on the Watershed Restoration Initiative with the assistance of Leland Pollack, Garfield County Commissioner, and Tyler Thompson, Watershed Program Director, Division of Natural Resources.

Chair Chew made a comment about the recent Legislative audit of the Watershed project.

14 . RFA: Invasive Species Mitigation Account Funding Increase (Rep. Albrecht)

Rep. Albrecht presented the funding request with the assistance of Robert Hougaard, Director of Plant Industry, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

Sen. Sandall spoke to the importance of the funding.

Rep. Barlow asked about phragmites. Robert Hougaard responded.

15 . RFA: Utah State Park Amendments (Rep. Eliason)

[Utah's Dinosaur Record](#)

Rep. Eliason presented on the funding request with the assistance of Jeff Rasmussen, Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation, Utah Department of Natural Resources.

Rep. Lyman expressed support for the park.

Rep. Kwan asked about plans for the Moab Isolation Center and ideas to preserve the center. Rep. Eliason responded.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the need for improvement in the area of the proposed park.

Jim Kirkland, State Paleontologist, Utah Geological Survey, spoke about the project.

Rep. Chew asked about the opportunity for a quarry like they have in Vernal. Jim Kirkland and Rep. Eliason responded.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to adjourn.

Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

16 . Adjourn