



**LEGISLATURE**

# **MINUTES**

## **NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 6, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

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**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair  
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair  
Sen. Nate Blouin  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Daniel McCay  
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Tim Jimenez

Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Michael L. Kohler  
Rep. Steven J. Lund  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Doug Owens  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**Staff Present:**

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager  
Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst  
Makelle Winingar, Committee Secretary

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).

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Sandall called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

### **2. RFA: Livestock Show (Sen. McKell)**

Sen. Michael McKell presented the Livestock Show RFA.

Chair Sandall asked a question about the ongoing appropriation funds. Sen. McKell and Ivan Djambov responded to the question.

Chair Sandall presented an overview of the meeting to the committee.

Rep. Barlow commented on the overview of the upcoming meetings.

Chair Sandall commented on the committee's procedures.

### **3. RFA: Ogden Canyon Culinary Water Line Replacement (Sen. Buxton)**

Sen. Buxton presented the Ogden Canyon Culinary Water Line Replacement RFA with the assistance of Justin Anderson, Engineer, Ogden City; and Mike Caldwell, Mayor, Ogden City.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about the water rates compared to surrounding areas. Justin Anderson responded to the questions.

Rep. Lund asked a question about the waterline. Justin Anderson responded to the question.

### **4. RFA: Antelope Island Visitor Center (Sen. Buxton)**

Sen. Buxton presented the Antelope Island Visitor Center RFA with the assistance of Joel Ferry, Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and Jeff Rasmussen, Director, Division of State Parks.

[5\) RFA: Antelope Island Visitor Center Presentation](#)

**5. RFA: Sublimitable Funding to Complete Phase One of Utah State Park (Rep. Eliason)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the Sublimitable Funding to Complete Phase One of Utah State Park RFA with the assistance of Jeff Rasmussen.

[3\) RFA: Sublimitable Funding to Complete Phase One of Utah State Park Presentation](#)

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about a potential entrance into Arches National Park. Rep. Eliason responded to the question.

Rep. Snider asked questions about the budget for the park. Jeff Rasmussen and Rep. Eliason responded to the questions.

**6. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration**

Lacey Moore presented an overview of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

[7\) SITLA New Appropriation Units](#)

Michelle McConkie, Executive Director, SITLA; presented the SITLA RFA with the assistance of Deborah Memmott, Finance Director, SITLA.

[7\) School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration Presentation](#)

Chair Sandall commented on the SITLA program. Michelle McConkie responded to the comments.

[7\) SITLA Handout](#)

Rep. Lyman asked questions about SITLA's revenue. Michelle McConkie responded to the questions.

**7. Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining**

Ivan Djambov presented an overview of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM).

Chair Sandall asked a question about the funding for DOGM. Ivan Djambov responded to the question.

Rep. Barlow asked a question about abandoned mines. Ivan Djambov responded to the question.

Bart Kettle, Deputy Director - Oil and Gas, DOGM; presented the division with the assistance of Dana Dean, Deputy Director - Mining, DOGM; and Richard Powell, Underground Injection Control Manager, DOGM.

[8\) Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Presentation](#)

Rep. Chew asked a question about abandoned mines. Dana Dean responded to the question.

Rep. Lund asked a question about abandoned mine investigations. Dana Dean responded to the question.

Dana Dean and Richard Powell continued the presentation.

Sen. Winterton asked questions about DOGM employees. Bart Kettle responded to the questions.

Bart Kettle continued the presentation.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about a mine. Dana Dean responded to the question.

Sen. Blouin asked a question about the Lilac Canyon Fire and its updates. Dana Dean responded to the questions.

## **8. Watershed Restoration Initiative**

Tyler Thompson, Watershed Program Director, DNR; presented the Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI).

### [9\) Watershed Restoration Initiative Presentation](#)

Rep. Chew asked a question about the FY22 accomplishments. Tyler Thompson responded to the question.

Rep. Lund asked a question about class III cultural resource inventories. Tyler Thompson responded to the questions.

Tyler Thompson continued the presentation.

## **9. Division of Wildlife Resources**

Ivan Djambov presented an overview of the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR).

Rep. Chew commented on the budget.

Ivan Djambov continued the presentation.

Rep. Chew commented on the crop loss.

Ivan Djambov continued the presentation.

Justin "J" Shirley, Director, DWR; presented the division with the assistance of Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Chief, DWR.

### [10\) Division of Wildlife Resources Presentation](#)

Rep. Albrecht asked questions about the DWR. Chair Sandall and J Shirley responded to the questions.

Rep. King asked a question about the Gunnison Sage Grouse conservation efforts. J Shirley responded to the question.

Rep. Snider asked a question about Wildlife/Waterfowl Management Areas (WMA) and their closures. J Shirley responded to the question.

Rep. Barlow asked a question about the non-resident hunters and their fees . J Shirley responded to the question.

## **10. Other Business**

Chair Sandall asked a question about an auctioned hunting tag. J Shirley responded to the question.

## **11. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Blouin moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.



Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. R. Wilcox  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. S. Lund  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.