



DRAFT MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst
Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ryan C. Williams, Associate General Counsel
Victoria Garcia, Administrative Assistant

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. E. Vickers

2. Public Lands Funding

[2a. H.B. 3002, Public Lands Funding Amendments \(2024 Special Session\)](#)

[2b. H.B. 3002 1st Sub., Public Lands Funding Amendments \(2024 Special Session\)](#)

[2c. BLM Land Designations Handout](#)

Sen. Sandall introduced the agenda item.

Rep. Brooks presented H.B. 3002, Public Lands Funding Amendments (2024 Special Session).

Redge Johnson, Director, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, gave a presentation on Utah's public lands.

The committee asked questions of Rep. Brooks and Redge Johnson.

Joan Entwistle, resident, expressed concerns regarding H.B. 3002.

Kael Weston, resident, expressed concerns regarding H.B. 3002.

MOTION: Rep. Jimenez moved to support H.B. 3002. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

3. Agricultural Land Conservation

[3a. Agricultural Land Conservation Presentation](#)

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, and Jeremy Christensen, Land Conservation Program Manager, Department of Agriculture and Food, gave a presentation on agricultural land conservation.

The committee asked questions of Terry Camp and Jeremy Christensen.

4. Right to Repair

Wade Garrett, Vice President of Advocacy and Strategic Relationships, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, gave a presentation on the right to repair agricultural equipment.

The committee asked questions of Wade Garrett.

5. Groundwater Management

[6a. Beryl - Enterprise Groundwater Management Plan Updates](#)

Nathan Moses, Assistant State Engineer, Division of Water Rights, gave a presentation on groundwater management.

Randall Holt, Holt Farms, gave a presentation on Holt Farms' water use.

The committee asked questions of Randall Holt and Nathan Moses.

[5a. H.B. 525, Agricultural Amendments \(2024 General Session\)](#)

6. Statewide Agricultural System Support

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost presented on agricultural system support.

The committee asked questions of Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost.

7. Cloud Seeding

[7a. Cloud Seeding Presentation](#)

[7b. Cloud Seeding Handout](#)

Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources, and Jonathan Jennings, Director of Cloud Seeding Operations, gave a presentation on cloud seeding.

The committee asked questions of Candice Hasenyager and Jonathan Jennings.

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, gave a presentation on the relationship between cloud seeding and air quality.

Philip Dagostini, resident, expressed concerns regarding cloud seeding operations.

8. State Park Access

[8a. State Park Access Presentation](#)

Rep. Doug Welton gave a presentation on access to state parks for individuals with disabilities.

Ryan Grassley and Sam Durst presented on state park accessibility.

The committee asked questions of Rep. Welton.

Scott Strong, Director, Division of State Parks, answered committee questions.

9. State Water Policy Review

[9a. 73-1-21 State Water Policy](#)

[9b. State Water Policy Presentation Slides](#)

Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, gave a presentation on state water policy.

Nathan Lunstad, Director, Division of Drinking Water, and Candice Hasenyager gave a presentation on state water policy.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn.

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.