



# DRAFT MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 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. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Tim Jimenez  
Rep. Michael L. Kohler  
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. Bridger Bolinder  
Speaker Mike Schultz

**Staff Present:**

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst  
Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst  
Patricia Owen, Senior 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Sandall called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

### 1. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Sen. N. Blouin  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 2. A Performance Audit of Mineral Royalty Agreements: An Examination of Mineral Production on the Great Salt Lake

[2 - Performance Audit of Mineral Royalty Agreements: An Examination of Mineral Production on the Great Salt Lake](#)

[2 - Audit Review Letter](#)

[2 - Mineral Royalty Agreement Presentation \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

Jake Davis, Lead Performance Auditor, and Nicole Luscher, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented "Performance Audit of Mineral Royalty Agreements: An Examination of Mineral Production on the Great Salt Lake" and answered committee questions.

Jamie Barnes, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands, addressed the audit and answered committee questions.

### **3. Water Reporting**

#### [3 - "Water Reporting" Intent Language](#)

Rep. Raymond Ward introduced the "Water Reporting" intent language and answered committee questions.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snider moved to favorably pass the "Water Reporting" intent language. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.

#### Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. C. Watkins

#### Nays - 0

#### Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. E. Vickers

### **4. Predator Control Measures**

#### [4 - Predator Control Measures Presentation \(Division of Wildlife Resources\)](#)

J Shirley, Director, and Darren Deblois, Game Mammals Project Coordinator, Division of Wildlife Resources, presented a report on predator control measures and answered committee questions.

### **5. Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program**

#### [5 - Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program \(Utah Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

#### [5 - Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program Presentation \(Utah Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

Kelly Pehrson, Deputy Commissioner, and Leann Hunting, Department of Food and Agriculture, presented on the Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Plan and answered committee questions.

### **6. Emerging Energy Policy Framework and Considerations**

#### [6 - Emerging Energy Policy Framework and Considerations Presentation \(Utah Office of Energy Development\)](#)



Dusty Monks, Acting Director, and Adam Heilbronner, Clean Energy Fellow, Office of Energy Development, gave a presentation on emerging energy policy framework and considerations and answered committee questions.

## **7. Division of Drinking Water Fee Authority**

### [7 - Division of Drinking Water Fee Authority Presentation \(Division of Drinking Water\)](#)

Nathan Lunstad, Director, Division of Drinking Water, presented on the Division of Drinking Water Fee Authority and answered committee questions.

## **8. Utah Lake Authority**

### [8 - Utah Lake Authority Interim Report \(Utah Lake Authority\)](#)

Luke Peterson, Director, and Addy Valdez, conservation biologist, Utah lake Authority, gave a presentation on the background and objectives of the Utah Lake Authority and answered committee questions.

## **9. Private Property Rights**

### [9 - Private Property Rights Handout \(Rep. Scott Chew\)](#)

Rep. Scott Chew gave a presentation on private property rights and answered committee questions,

Randy Parker, member, Salt Lake County Farm Bureau Board, commented.

Steve Halt, resident, commented.

Kent Singleton, resident, commented.

Austin Carter, resident, commented.

Quentin Johnson, resident, commented.

## **10. Funding for Water-Related Capital Projects**

### [10 - Status of Funds Report Presentation \(Water Development Coordinating Council\)](#)

Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources, presented on funding for water-related capitol projects and answered committee questions.

## **11. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Rep. W. Brooks  
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Rep. C. Snider  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.