



DRAFT MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT

INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

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.

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.

Yea - 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

Nay - 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 capital 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

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Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
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.