

DRAFT MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. R. Neil Walter
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Gillian Jackson, Bill and Data Mgt. Specialist
Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Patricia Owen, Senior Associate General Counsel
Ryan C. Williams, Associate General Counsel
Alyssa Castor, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter

[1 - Site Visit Debrief](#)

Charley Hart provided a recap from a site visit to the Alpine Aqueduct and Water Treatment Plant.

The committee discussed the site visit.

2. Emission Reduction Credit Markets

[2 - Carbon Credit Markets Presentation](#)

Tina Cannon, State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor, presented information on carbon credit markets.

Tina Cannon answered questions from the committee.

[2 - UDAF Carbon Credits](#)

Taylor Payne, Northwest Region Coordinator, Utah Grazing Improvement Program, presented information on the intersection of ranching and carbon markets.

Kris Hulvey, Lead Scientist, Working Lands Conservation, continued the presentation.

Taylor Payne and Kris Hulvey answered questions from the committee.

2 - Clean Air Act Credits Presentation

[2 - Clean Air Act Credits Presentation](#)

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, presented information on emission reduction credits and answered questions from the committee.

3. Waste Tire Recycling Program

Sen. Sandall and Rep. Chew introduced a discussion on the Waste Tire Recycling Program.

[3 - DEQ Waste Tire Recycling Program Presentation](#)

Ted Sonnenburg, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, presented information on the Waste Tire Recycling Program.

Jalynn Knudsen, Deputy Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, continued the presentation.

Ted Sonnenburg and Jalynn Knudsen answered questions from the committee.

Kevin Daly, Government Relations, Tire Recycling Industry, presented information on tire recycling and answered questions from the committee.

[3 - SLCo Waste Tire Recycling Program Presentation](#)

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, provided information on the role of local health departments in tire recycling and answered questions from the committee.

4. Antifreeze Recycling

Rep. Chew introduced the topic of antifreeze recycling.

[4 - Antifreeze Recycling Study Presentation](#)

Ted Sonnenburg presented information on antifreeze recycling.

Stevie Norcross, Deputy Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, continued the presentation.

Ted Sonnenburg and Stevie Norcross answered questions from the committee.

5. Electronic Waste Recycling

[5 - Battery Stewardship Fact Sheet](#)

Jaren Scott, Executive Director, Trans-Jordan Cities, presented information on electronic waste recycling.

Cherie Anderson, Community Relations and Special Projects Manager, Intermountain Regional Landfill, provided information about landfill fires due to electronic waste.

Rachel Hering, Vice President of Chapter Relations, National Waste and Recycling Association, continued the presentation.

Jaren Scott, Cherie Anderson, and Rachel Hering answered questions from the committee.

Ted Sonnenburg continued the discussion on lithium ion batteries.

6. Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Data

[6 - Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Data Presentation](#)

Nathan Lunstad, Director, Division of Drinking Water, presented information on public drinking water monitoring data to be submitted electronically.

7. Childcare Facility Lead Testing

[7 - Childcare Facility Lead Testing Presentation](#)

Nathan Lunstad presented information on testing and mitigation of lead contamination in childcare facilities.

8. Sunset Reviews

[8 - 2026 Sunset Reviews](#)

[8 - 2026 Sunset Reviews Part 2](#)

[8 - 2026 Sunset Reviews Presentation](#)

Julie Humberstone presented information on sunset reviews and Drinking Water Quality in Schools and Child Care Centers.

Patricia Owen presentation information on the Land Conservation Board.

Charley Hart provided information on the Domesticated Elk Advisory Council.

Ryan Williams presented information on the Canyon Resource Management Plan.

Public comment was heard from:

Jim Bowcutt, Division of Conservation Director, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF);

Stuart Barney, Domesticated Elk Program Manager, UDAF;

Dillon Hoyt, Deputy Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office;

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau;

Justin Shannon, Deputy Director, Division of Wildlife Resources; and

Kristy Davis, Executive Director, Utah Association of Conservation Districts.

9. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

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