

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Edward B. Butcher, on February 1, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary  
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 392, HB 400

**HEARING ON HB 392**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:52 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB  
392, CAFO cost reimbursement in certain instances.  
**EXHIBIT (agh22a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:23 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stock Grower's Association  
00:11:35 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:14:28 Kari Smith

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:16 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:15:50 Ms. Smith  
00:16:28 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:16:36 Ms. Smith  
00:16:41 Rep. Lambert  
00:17:30 Rep. Bergren  
00:17:59 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:19:07 Rep. Bergren  
00:19:52 Rep. Jopek  
00:20:29 Rep. Bergren  
00:20:46 Rep. Jopek  
00:21:22 Ms. Smith  
00:21:56 Chairman Butcher  
00:22:08 Rep. Jopek  
00:22:26 Krista Evans  
00:22:54 Rep. Jopek  
00:23:33 Ms. Evans  
00:23:43 Chairman Butcher  
00:24:37 Rep. Jopek  
00:24:49 Ms. Evans  
00:25:05 Rep. Keane  
00:25:40 Ms. Smith  
00:25:45 Rep. Boggio  
00:25:51 Ms. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:04 Rep. Bergren

**HEARING ON HB 400**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:57 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 400, Revise planning board laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:37 Chris Burgmeier, Previous Member of Granite Conservation District

**EXHIBIT (agh22a02)**

00:30:22 Sarah Carlson, Montana Board of Conservation Districts

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:33:08 Steve Schmitz, Bureau Chief at Department of Natural Resources

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:53 Rep. Jopek  
00:34:57 Rep. Villa  
00:35:47 Rep. Jopek  
00:36:37 Rep. Villa  
00:37:06 Rep. Ross  
00:37:37 Ms. Carlson  
00:37:48 Rep. Ross  
00:38:02 Ms. Carlson  
00:38:09 Rep. Ross  
00:38:25 Ms. Carlson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:25 Rep. Villa

**Additional Exhibits:**

Document pertaining to HB 400  
**EXHIBIT (agh22a03)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:41:07 Adjournment

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REP. EDWARD B. BUTCHER, Chairman

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DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([agh22aad.pdf](#))**