

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on January 28, 2011 at 8:06 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary  
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**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 & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/24/2011

**Hearing on H B 6, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Grants**

00:00:36 Chairman McNutt

00:00:41 Ms. Duncan

00:02:16 Sen. Sonju left.

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a01\)](#)**

00:03:33 Chairman McNutt

**Water Management Projects**

00:03:35 Pam Smith, Program Manager, Renewal Resource Grant Program, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a02\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a03\)](#)**

**Fergus Conservation District, Big Spring Creek Stream Restoration at the Machler**

**Conservation Easement**

00:05:00 Nita Bronec, Supervisor, Fergus Conservation District

00:09:26 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) for all 10 projects presented

**Beaverhead Conservation District, Poindexter Slough Fishery Enhancement**

00:09:54 Ms. Smith

00:10:08 Katie Tackett, Watershed Coordinator, Beaverhead Watershed Committee

00:13:02 Sen. Sonju returned.

**Sweet Grass County Conservation District, Big Timber Creek Channel Stabilization Project**

00:13:54 Ms. Smith

00:14:13 Dan Rostad, Watershed Program Coordinator, Sweet Grass County Conservation District

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a04\)](#)**

**Madison Conservation District, South Meadow Creek Water Efficiency**

00:18:11 Ms. Smith

00:18:23 Sunni Heikes-Knpton, Madison Watershed Coordinator, Ennis

**City of Glendive, Glendive Floodplain Feasibility Study**

00:21:47 Ms. Smith

00:22:10 Jerry Jimison, Mayor of Glendive

00:22:32 Sen. Sonju returned.

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a05\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a06\)](#)**

**Questions from Committee:**

00:29:52 Sen. Brown

00:29:59 Mr. Jimison

**Green Mountain Conservation District, Tuscor Creek Restoration Project**

00:30:54 Ms. Smith

[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a07\)](#)

**MT DNRC Water Resource Division, Clark Fork River Basin Task Force**

00:31:13 Gerald Mueller, Facilitator, Clark Fork River Basin Task Force

[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a08\)](#)

00:3 6:02 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

**Questions from Committee:**

00:37:20 Rep. Cook

00:37:49 Alice Stanley, Chief, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC

00:38:16 Rep. Sesso

00:38:57 Mr. Mueller

00:40:20 Rep. Sesso

00:41:03 Ms. Smith

**City of Whitefish, Haskill Basin Water Conservation and Preservation Project**

00:41:53 Ms. Smith

00:42:10 John Wilson, Public Works Director, City of Whitefish, also supports Clark Fork River Basin Task Force

**Ravalli County, Phase 3 LiDar Mapping for Flood Hazard Irrigation District**

00:44:31 Ms. Smith

00:44:41 Eric Anderson, Civil Engineer, Flood Plain Manager, Ravalli County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a09\)](#)

00:48:59 Rep. Sesso left.

**Questions from Committee:**

00:49:32 Sen. Sonju

00:49:49 Mr. Anderson

**Ravalli County Environmental Health, Bitterroot Valley Septic Systems Impact Model, Phase 2**

00:50:39 Ms. Smith

00:50:57 Lea Guthrie, Director of Environmental Health, Ravalli County, also supports LiDar Mapping in Ravalli county

**Questions from Committee:**

00:55:29 Sen. Sonju

00:55:40 Ms. Guthrie

00:56:02 Sen. Sonju

00:56:11 Ms. Guthrie

**Bozeman High School District # 7, Mandeville Creek Restoration and Community Education Project**

00:56:28 Ms. Smith

00:56:32 Rep. McChesney left.

00:56:39 Peter Brown, Mandeville Creek Work Group

[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a10\)](#)

00:57:13 Robin Hompesch, Wildlife Biology Teacher, Bozeman High School  
00:57:53 Mr. Brown  
00:58:38 Sen. Larry Jent, SD 32, Bozeman  
01:00:29 Rep. McChesney returned.  
01:02:05 Ms. Hompesch

**Questions from Committee:**

01:03:21 Sen. Sonju  
01:03:38 Ms. Smith  
01:09:12 Sen. Brown left.

**Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Board of Control, Lyiboc Scada and Water Measurement Project**

01:04:22 Ms. Smith  
01:04:33 Jerry Nypen, Manager, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, Sidney  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a11\)](#)

**North Powell Conservation District, Blackfoot Irrigation Efficiency**

01:09:24 Ms. Smith  
01:09:42 Brian McDonald  
01:10:04 Sen. Sonju left  
01:12:52 Jim Stone, Rancher, Ovando  
01:13:58 Sen. Brown returned

**Hill County Conservation District, Milk River Basin Riparian and Hydrology Restoration, Invasive Species Removal**

01:14:25 Ms. Smith  
01:14:39 Warren Kellogg, representing Hill county Conservation, read statement from Hill County Conservation District Chairman, Tom Jerenka

**Questions from Committee:**

01:18:13 Sen. Brown  
01:18:23 Mr. Kellogg  
01:18:36 Sen. Brown  
01:18:44 Mr. Kellogg

**Park County, Shields River Surface and Ground Water Analysis**

01:19:19 Ms. Smith  
01:19:23 Phillip Fletcher, Community Development Director

**Petroleum County Conservation District, Horse Creek Coulee Water Storage Project**

01:22:12 Ms. Smith  
01:22:30 Cal Frank, Petroleum County Conservation District

**Questions from Committee:**

01:27:18 Sen. Brown  
01:27:28 Mr. Frank  
01:28:01 Sen. Brown  
01:28:09 Mr. Frank  
01:29:25 Chairman McNutt

01:29:32 Break  
 01:52:43 Resume

Sen. Sonju, Sen. Williams and Sen Brown left during break.

01:52:4 Chairman McNutt

**Public Infrastructure Projects**

01:52:51 Ms. Smith

**Town of Stanford, Water System Improvements**

01:53:38 Rose Schindler, Mayor of Stanford  
 01:55:18 Rep. Sesso returned.

**Flathead County, Bigfork Stormwater System Improvements**

01:56:34 Ms. Smith  
 01:56:52 Pam Holmquist, Flathead County Commissioner  
 01:57:52 Brett Walchek, President, 48 North Engineering, Kalispell  
 02:00:08 Sen. Sonju returned.

**Anaconda, Deer Lodge County, Water System Improvement: System Wide Water Meter Installation**

02:01:55 Ms. Smith  
 02:02:05 Becky Guag, Chief Executive, Anaconda Deer Lodge County  
 02:04:17 Alden Beard, Engineer and Funding Consultant, Anaconda Deer Lodge County  
 02:05:04 Rep. Sesso left.

**Town of Kevin, Water System Improvements, Phase 3**

02:06:44 Ms. Smith  
 02:07:10 Jim Melstad, Anderson Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Helena  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a12\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh22a13\)](#)

**Foys Lakeside County Water and Sewer District, Water System Improvement: Main Replacement and System Wide Metering**

02:12:38 Michael Sugarman, Chairman, Foys Lakeside Estates Water and Sewer District, Flathead County  
 02:13:03 Sen. Brown returned.  
 02:14:44 Sen. Williams returned.  
 02:16:09 Alden Beard, Engineer and Funding Consultant to Foys Lakeside

**Town of Stanford, Water System improvements**

02:17:43 Ms. Smith  
 02:17:54 Steve Dell, Stanford Town Council

**City of White Sulphur Springs, Water System Improvements**

02:19:57 Ms. Smith  
 02:20:12 Julian Therifeult, Mayor, White Sulphur Springs  
 02:22:14 Sen. Brown left.

02:23:08 George Kirkwood, City Council, White Sulphur Springs  
02:24:57 Craig Pozega, Engineer, White Sulphur Springs

**Questions from Committee:**

02:26:20 Sen. Williams  
02:26:43 Ms. Smith  
02:27:03 Sen. Williams  
02:27:12 Sen. Brown returned.  
02:27:33 Ms. Smith  
02:28:04 Sen. Williams  
02:28:19 Ms. Smith  
02:28:30 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer, Grant Loan Program, DNRC

**Lockwood Area/Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District, Water Treatment Plant  
Clearwell Addition**

02:30:02 Ms. Smith  
02:30:19 Gary Forrester, Board member, Lockwood Water and Sewer District  
02:31:53 Chairman McNutt  
  
02:32:20 Chairman McNutt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:32:29 Rep. Bill McChesney  
  
02:32:59 Chairman McNutt

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:33:19      Adjournment:

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Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jlh22aad.pdf](#))