

## MINUTES

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on February 1, 2011 at 8:13 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (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 351, 1/28/2011

00:00:40 Chairman McNutt  
00:00:54 Ms. Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:03:31 Chairman McNutt

**HEARING ON HB 351**

00:04:28 Dave Aune, Vice President, Operations, Great West Engineering  
00:04:53 Chairman McNutt

**Granite County, Bridge**

00:05:52 Maureen Connor, Granite County Board of Commissioners  
**EXHIBIT(jlh25a01)**  
00:09:57 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from Committee:**

00:10:06 Ms. Connor  
00:10:11 Rep. Cook  
00:10:14 Ms. Connor  
00:10:58 Chairman McNutt  
00:11:16 Mr. Aune  
00:11:32 Chairman McNutt  
00:11:40 Mr. Aune  
00:11:47 Chairman McNutt  
00:11:55 Mr. Aune

**Yellowstone County, Bridge**

00:12:38 Gordon Morris, on behalf of Design 3 Engineering

**Madison County, Bridge**

00:13:09 Mr. Aune  
00:13:23 Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Madison County  
Commissioners

**Carter Choteau County Water and Sewer District, Water**

00:16:01 Mr. Aune  
00:16:24 Craig Pozega, Great West Engineering, Engineer for Carter Choteau Water and  
Sewer District  
00:17:40 Damon Molinario, Director, Carter Choteau Water and Sewer District  
**EXHIBIT(jlh25a02)**

**Sweet Grass County, Bridge**

00:18:57 Mr. Aune  
00:19:09 Rick Reed, Sweet Grass County Commissioner

**Beaverhead County, Bridge**

00:20:35 Mr. Aune  
00:20:47 Tom Rice, Beaverhead County Commissioner  
00:21:02 Rep. Sesso left.

**Carbon County, Bridge**

00:22:23 Mr. Aune  
00:22:33 Bill Lloyd, on behalf of Carbon County Commission

**Jefferson County, Bridge**

00:24:35 Mr. Aune  
00:24:49 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner  
00:27:36 Mr. Aune

**Blaine County, Bridge**

00:28:13 Mr. Aune  
00:28:26 Michelle Turville, Infrastructure Specialist, Bear Paw Development Corporation

**Lincoln County, Bridge**

00:30:27 Mr. Aune  
00:30:36 Karl Yakawich, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Lincoln County  
Commission

**EXHIBIT(jlh25a03)**

00:31:32 Mr. Aune

**City of Roundup, Water**

00:32:00 Mr. Aune  
00:32:10 Bob Gilbert, on behalf of Mayor Bill Edwards and Roundup City Council

00:33:11 Mr. Aune, all TSEP only, projects have been presented.

**Opponents:**

00:33:52 Gordon Morris, on behalf Montana Association of County Road Supervisors  
00:33:25 Chairman McNutt  
00:34:39 Chairman McNutt

**Hill County, Bridge**

00:34:52 Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Hill County

**EXHIBIT(jlh25a04)**

00:35:38 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from Committee**

00:36:10 Dore Schwinden, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)  
00:36:14 Chairman McNutt  
00:36:23 Mr. Schwinden  
00:36:32 Chairman McNutt

00:37:15 Break  
01:06:41 Resume

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

01:06:44 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from Committee:**

01:07:02 Mr. Schwinden  
01:07:15 Chairman McNutt  
01:07:38 Mr. Schwinden  
01:07:48 Chairman McNutt  
01:08:08 Mr. Schwinden  
01:08:12 Sen. Williams arrived.  
01:08:15 Chairman McNutt  
01:08:25 Mr. Schwinden  
01:08:45 Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Community Development Division, COM  
01:09:17 Chairman McNutt  
01:09:42 Sen. Sonju returned.  
01:09:53 Chairman McNutt

**Fiscal Analysis:**

01:10:10 Ms. Duncan  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a06\)](#)  
01:17:53 Chairman McNutt

**Informational Witness:**

01:18:09 Anna Miller, Bureau Chief, Financial and Loan Management, Department of  
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
01:19:40 Chairman McNutt

**Dry Prairie Rural Water System**

01:20:01 Rep. Austin, Knudsen, HD 36, Culbertson, advocate and customer of Dry Prairie  
01:22:11 Clint Jacobs, Manager, Dry Prairie Rural Water System  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a07\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a08\)](#)  
01:27:15 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from Committee:**

01:27:21 Sen. Sonju  
01:27:29 Mr. Jacobs  
01:27:43 Sen. Brown  
01:28:06 Mr. Jacobs  
01:28:42 Sen. Brown  
01:28:50 Mr. Jacobs  
01:29:23 Sen. Brown  
01:29:28 Chairman McNutt  
01:29:31 Mr. Jacobs  
01:29:40 Chairman McNutt

**Informational Witness:**

01:29:51 Mike Watson, Engineer Fort Peck Tribes  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a09\)](#)  
01:33:55 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from the Committee:**

01:33:59 Rep. Ehli  
01:34:41 Mr. Watson  
01:35:24 Rep. Ehli  
01:35:47 Mr. Watson  
01:36:10 Chairman McNutt

**North Central Montana Regional Water Authority**

01:36:47 Mary Heller, General Manager, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority  
01:37:18 Sen. Brown left.  
01:41:58 Chairman McNutt

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a10\)](#)**

**Dry Red Water Regional Water Authority**

01:42:16 Gary Amestoy, representing Dry Red Water Regional Water Authority, also in support of Dry Prairie Rural Water System

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a11\)](#)**

01:45:42 Chairman McNutt

**Central Montana Regional Water Authority (Musselshell Judith Rural Water System)**

01:45:55 Mr. Aune  
01:46:51 Chairman McNutt

**Additional Testimony:**

01:47:07 Steve Wade, representing Montana Contractors Association and Montana Rural Water Systems  
01:48:05 Chairman McNutt

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:48:46      Adjournment:

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Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibits:**  
**[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a12\)](#)**

Additional Documents:

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh25aad.pdf\)](#)**