

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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 36, 1/5/2015; HB 39, 1/5/2015

00:00:07 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:18 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 39, Allow electronic fund transfers for trust lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:16 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:22 Rep. Dunwell

00:08:04 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:42 Rep. Price

HEARING ON HB 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:58 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 36, Allow water permit volume change due to incomplete use.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:56 Tim Davis, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:11:39 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industries Association (MBIA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:19 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC)

00:14:32 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:15:04 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:23 Rep. Regier

00:16:45 Tim Davis, DNRC

00:17:15 Rep. Regier

00:17:30 Tim Davis, DNRC

00:17:34 Rep. Williams

00:17:43 Tim Davis, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:08 Rep. Lynch

00:19:26 Chairman White
Rep. Bob Brown
Chairman White

00:21:34 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(nah05a01)

00:23:45 Rep. Williams

00:24:11 Chairman White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 39

00:24:32 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 39 DO PASS.**

00:24:41 Chairman White

00:24:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Staffanson was excused.

00:25:04 Rep. Regier

00:25:49 Chairman White

00:25:55 Rep. Lieser

00:26:15 Chairman White

ADJOURNMENT

00:26:22 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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