

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 14, 2015 at 8:03 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Mary Ann Mackay, 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:

Fiscal Review - 2015 Bien Update
Renewable Resource Grant and Long (RRGL) Program Introduction
Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Projects Hearings

00:00:46 Chair Cuffe
00:00:51 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:02:15 Chair Cuffe

Introduction to Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP), Continuation

00:02:43 Kelly Lynch, Administrator, Community Development Division, Department of
Commerce (COM)
00:03:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:03:40 Kelly Lynch, COM
EXHIBIT(jlh08a01)
00:09:47 Chair Cuffe
00:10:52 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:11:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

00:12:49 Rep. Tropila
00:13:37 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:14:40 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:15:27 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:19:35 Sen. Ripley
00:20:01 Sen. Sesso arrived.
00:20:53 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:21:45 Sen. Ripley
00:22:18 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:22:48 Chairman Cuffe
00:23:51 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:24:28 Chairman Cuffe
00:24:39 Rep. Tropila
00:25:42 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:26:14 Rep. Tropila
00:27:04 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:27:52 Rep. Tropila
00:28:16 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:28:31 Rep. Tropila
00:29:12 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:29:23 Chair Cuffe
00:29:38 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:29:51 Chair Cuffe
00:29:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:31:27 Chair Cuffe
00:31:42 Rep. Tropila
00:32:06 Chair Cuffe
00:32:10 Sen. Sesso
00:33:41 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:35:04 Sen. Sesso
00:35:34 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:36:16 Sen. Sesso
00:37:53 Sen. Ripley
00:38:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:39:05 Kelly Lynch, COM

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00:39:24 Sen. Ripley
00:39:35 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:39:55 Sen. Ripley
00:39:59 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:40:04 Chair Cuffe
00:40:08 Rep. Tropila
00:40:56 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:41:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:41:35 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:41:58 Chair Cuffe
00:42:29 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:42:36 Chair Cuffe
00:42:42 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:45:55 Chair Cuffe
00:46:21 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:46:38 Chair Cuffe
00:46:45 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:47:02 Chair Cuffe
00:48:03 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:48:38 Chair Cuffe
00:48:47 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:49:04 Chair Cuffe
00:49:56 Sen. Sesso
00:53:02 Chair Cuffe
00:53:09 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:53:13 Chair Cuffe
00:53:37 Sen. Sesso
00:54:45 Chair Cuffe
00:54:51 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:55:00 Sen. Sesso
00:55:17 Chair Cuffe
00:55:22 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:55:41 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:55:54 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:56:03 Chair Cuffe

00:56:14 Recessed.
01:10:31 Reconvened.

01:10:44 Chair Cuffe

Public Comment:

01:11:14 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers
(ASCE)
01:18:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:19:14 Dave Aune. Great West Engineering
01:21:11 Sen. Ripley
01:21:52 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
01:22:25 Sen. Ripley
01:22:31 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering

01:23:24 Chair Cuffe
01:23:43 Goeff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications System (MTS)
01:25:44 Rep. Tropila
01:26:09 Goeff Feiss, MTS
01:27:01 Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems (MITS)

TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM PROJECT HEARINGS

Dawson County, West Glendive Waste Water System:

01:29:20 Kelly Lynch, COM
EXHIBIT(jlh08a02)
01:29:35 Jason Rittal, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC), Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) and Certified Economic Finance Professional (CEFP)
01:34:50 Chair Cuffe

01:34:57 Recessed.
01:35:12 Reconvened.

Seeley Lake Sewer District:

01:35:13 Greg Robertson, Chief Public Works Officer, Missoula County and Contract Manager, Seeley Lake Sewer District
01:37:00 Chair Cuffe

South Wind Water and Sewer District:

01:37:04 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:37:22 Ron Lorenz, President, South Wind Water and Sewer District,
EXHIBIT(jlh08a03)
01:40:06 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:15 Sen. Ripley
01:40:30 Ron Lorenz, Board Chairman

Fort Benton, Waste Water Project:

01:40:58 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:41:20 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development Corporation (BPDC), Havre
EXHIBIT(jlh08a04)

Vaughn County Water and Sewer District:

01:42:55 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:43:18 George Duffy, President, Vaughn-Cascade Water and Sewer Board
01:45:19 Chair Cuffe

Cut Bank Waste Water Project:

01:45:30 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:45:41 James Suda, Cut Bank City Superintendent
01:47:22 Chair Cuffe

Malta Water Project:

01:47:33 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:47:48 Paul Tuss, BPDC, on behalf of Malta

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:07 Rep. Tropila
 01:49:24 Paul Tuss, BPDC

City of Harlem Waste Water Project:

01:50:16 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:50:27 Paul Tuss, BPDC, on behalf of Harlem

EXHIBIT(jlh08a05)

01:52:07 Chair Cuffe

City of Havre:

01:52:26 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:52:37 Paul Tuss, BPDC, Havre
 01:53:27 Dave Peterson, Public Works Director, City of Havre
 01:55:07 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:11 Rep Hagstrom
 01:55:27 Dave Peterson, Public Works Director
 01:55:37 Rep. Hagstrom
 01:55:46 Dave Peterson, Public Works Director
 01:56:01 Cathy Duncan, LFD
 01:56:19 Dave Peterson, Public Works Director
 01:57:02 Cathy Duncan, LFD
 01:57:15 Dave Peterson, Public Works Director
 01:57:26 Kelly Lynch, COM

Town of Fairfield Waste Water Project:

01:57:52 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:58:05 Warren Fifield, Mayor, Fairfield

EXHIBIT(jlh08a06)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:04:55 Sen. Ripley
 02:05:19 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:05:41 Sen. Ripley
 02:05:50 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:06:03 Sen. Ripley
 02:06:17 Kelly Lynch, COM

City of Shelby, Storm Water Improvement Project:

02:07:27 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:07:58 Melissa Lewis, on behalf of City of Shelby

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:24 Rep. Hagstrom

02:09:40 Melissa Lewis, Shelby
02:10:43 Chair Cuffe
02:10:58 Melissa Lewis, Shelby
02:11:26 Chair Cuffe

Town of Belt, Waste Water Project:

02:11:32 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:12:05 Jean Fontana, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Belt
[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:27 Rep Tropila
02:21:22 Jean Fontana, Belt
02:21:51 Rep. Tropila
02:21:58 Jean Fontana, Belt

Blaine County, Bridge Project:

02:22:17 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:22:34 Paul Tuss, BPDC, representing Blaine County Commissioners
[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a08\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:23:46 Rep Tropila
02:24:08 Paul Tuss, BPDC
02:24:47 Rep. Tropila
02:25:02 Cathy Duncan, LFD
02:25:11 Sen. Ripley
02:25:32 Paul Tuss, BPDC
02:25:41 Chair Cuffe

Lodge Grass and Winnett Projects:

02:25:45 Kelly Lynch, COM

Town of Lodge Grass, Waste Water System

02:26:01 Rika Lashley, Morrison Maierle, on behalf of Lodge Grass

Questions from Committee members and Responses:

02:29:55 Rep. Hagstrom
02:30:06 Rika Lashley, Morrison and Maierle
02:30:17 Chair Cuffe
02:30:36 Rika Lashley, Maierle
02:30:58 Rep. Tropila
02:31:26 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Town of Winnett, Waste Water Project

02:31:56 Rika Lashley, Morrison & Maierle, on behalf of Winnett
02:37:11 Chair Cuffe

Town of Winifred and Town of Lodge Grass Projects, Continuation:

02:37:18 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:38:29 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Town of Pinesdale:

02:38:55 Jason Crawford, Engineer, KLJ, on behalf of town of Pinesdale
02:39:50 Chair Cuffe left.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:42:15 Rep. Tropila
02:42:28 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:42:37 Rep. Hagstrom
02:42:50 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:43:05 Rep. Hagstrom
02:43:20 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:43:37 Rep. Hagstrom
02:43:44 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:44:00 Rep. Hagstrom
02:44:19 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:44:23 Sen Sesso
02:44:26 Chair Cuffe returned.
02:44:36 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:44:56 Sen. Sesso
02:45:17 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:45:13 Sen Sesso
02:45:54 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:45:57 Sen. Sesso
02:46:10 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:46:16 Sen Sesso
02:46:20 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:46:33 Sen. Sesso
02:46:44 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:46:49 Sen. Sesso
02:46:53 Jason Crawford, KLJ
02:47:04 Chair Cuffe
02:47:15 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:47:50 Sen. Sesso
02:48:53 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:50:04 Rep. Tropila
02:50:50 Kelly Lynch, COM

Hill County Bridge Project:

02:51:00 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:52:03 Chair Cuffe
02:52:08 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:52:17 Chair Cuffe
02:52:40 Mike Wendland, Chairman, County Commissioners, Hill County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a09\)](#)

02:54:01 Chair Cuffe

Ravalli County Bridge Project:

02:54:11 Kelly Lynch, COM

EXHIBIT(jlh08a10)

02:55:04 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:56:52 Rep. Tropila

02:58:19 Sen. Thomas

02:58:38 Chair Cuffe

02:58:56 Sen. Ripley

02:59:15 Kelly Lynch, COM

02:59:33 Sen. Ripley

02:59:43 Kelly Lynch, COM

02:59:56 Richard Knatterud, Engineer, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce (COM)

03:02:35 Sen. Ripley

03:02:48 Rich Knatterud, COM

Custer County Bridge Project:

03:03:31 Kelly Lynch, COM

03:03:47 Bill Lloyd, on behalf of Custer County Commissioners

03:05:04 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:05:13 Sen Ripley

03:05:24 Bill Lloyd

03:06:14 Rep. Hagstrom

03:06:25 Bill Lloyd

03:06:40 Sen. Sesso

03:06:51 Bill Lloyd

03:06:56 Sen Sesso

03:07:08 Bill Lloyd

03:08:07 Kelly Lynch, COM

Sweet Grass County Bridge Project:

03:08:24 Kelly Lynch, COM

03:08:37 Bill Wallace, County Commissioner, Sweet Grass County

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:10:28 Chair Cuffe

03:10:37 Bill Wallace, Commissioner

Yellowstone County Bridge Project:

03:11:09 Kelly Lynch, COM

03:11:26 Tim Miller, Director, Public Works, Yellowstone County, on behalf of Yellowstone County Commissioners

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:12:40 Chair Cuffe

03:12:44 Sen. Sesso
03:12:51 Tim Miller, Public Works Director

Valley County Bridge Project:

03:13:13 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:13:28 Carl Yakawich, on behalf of Valley County Commissioners

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:15:08 Chair Cuffe
03:15:19 Carl Yackawich

Madison County Bridge Project:

03:15:39 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:15:47 Jim Hart, County Commissioner, Madison County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:21:00 Chair Cuffe
03:21:08 Jim Hart, Commissioner
03:21:15 Rep. Hagstrom
03:21:34 Jim Hart, Commissioner
03:22:07 Rep. Hagstrom
03:22:15 Jim Hart, Commissioner
03:22:30 Rep. Hagstrom
03:22:46 Jim Hart, Commissioner
03:22:59 Rep Hagstrom
03:23:08 Jim Hart, Commissioner

Carbon County Bridge Project:

03:23:25 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:23:38 John Grewell, County Commissioner, Carbon County

Fergus County Bridge Project:

03:27:26 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:27:37 Ross Butcher, County Commissioner, Fergus County
03:28:35 Greg Benjamin, Engineer, Stahly Engineering

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a12\)](#)

Chouteau County Bridge Project:

03:31:10 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:31:29 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development Corporation (BPDC),
Havre, on behalf of Chouteau County

Broadwater County Bridge Project:

03:33:15 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:33:28 Frank Slifka, Toston, County Commissioner, Broadwater County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a13\)](#)

03:35:19 Laura Obert, County Commissioner, Broadwater County

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:36:37 Rep. Hagstrom
03:36:57 Laura Obert, Commissioner
03:37:23 Kelly Lynch, COM

City of Havre, Storm Water Project:

03:37:29 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:37:51 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corporation (BPDC), Havre
03:39:18 Dave Peterson, Director, Public Works, City of Havre

Town of Phillipsburg, Waste Water Project:

03:41:19 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:41:43 Craig Sorenson, Mayor, Philipsburg

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:43:14 Sen. Ripley
03:43:36 Craig Sorenson, Mayor
03:43:56 Daniel Reddish, Councilman, Philipsburg

Butte Silver Bow County, Waste Water Project:

03:45:31 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:45:44 Matt Moore, Operations Manager, Butte-Silver Bow Public Works
03:47:35 Chair Cuffe
03:55:49 Matt Moore, Operations Manager

Greater Woods Bay Waste Water System:

03:47:41 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:48:03 Pat Smith, Greater Woods Bay Sewer District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a14\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:51:29 Rep. Tropila
03:51:58 Pat Smith, Greater Woods Bay
03:52:24 Chair Cuffe
03:52:34 Pat Smith, Greater Woods Bay

Greater Woods Bay Waste Water System, Continuation:

03:53:07 Sen. Bob Keenan (R), SD 5
03:54:03 Chair Cuffe
03:54:08 Cathy Duncan, LFD
03:54:27 Sen. Kennan
03:54:47 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:55:00 Rep. Topila
03:55:34 Cathy Duncan, LFD
03:56:25 Rep. Tropila
03:56:31 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:56:42

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh08aad.pdf](#))