

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 15, 2015 at 8:02 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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: HB 5
Combined TSEP and RRGL Hearings

00:01:10 Chair Cuffe
00:01:53 Sen Sesso arrived.

Coal Severance Tax and Uses:

00:01:59 Nick Brown, Revenue Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a01)

00:03:28 Sen. Sesso
00:05:02 Rep. Hagstrom arrived.
00:06:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:08:09 Nick Brown, LFD
00:08:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:29 Chair Cuffe
00:08:46 Nick Brown, LFD
00:08:58 Chair Cuffe
00:09:04 Nick Brown, LFD
00:09:11 Anna Miller, Bureau Chief, Finance Division, Department of Natural Resources,
(DNRC)
00:10:23 Chair Cuffe
00:10:33 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:10:47 Chair Cuffe
00:10:50 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:10:52 Chair Cuffe
00:10:59 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:11:01 Chair Cuffe
00:11:09 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:11:10 Chair Cuffe
00:11:20 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:11:29 Chair Cuffe
00:11:32 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:11:42 Chair Cuffe
00:11:52 Rep. Hagstrom
00:12:27 Nick Brown, LFD
00:12:37 Chair Cuffe
00:12:43 Rep. Hagstrom
00:13:00 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:14:32 Rep. Hagstrom
00:14:42 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:16:19 Chair Cuffe
00:16:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:18:41 Chair Cuffe

Introduction of Renewal Resource Grants and Loans Program (RRGL) Staff

00:19:53 Mark Bostrom, Administrator, Conservation and Development Division,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:21:59 Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Resource and Development Bureau, Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a02)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a03)

00:28:48 Chair Cuffe
00:29:01 Kelly Lynch, Community Resource, Department of Commerce (COM)

PROJECT HEARINGS

City of Whitefish, Whitefish I & I Mitigation Project

00:29:35 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:30:49 Scott Anderson, President, Anderson/Montgomery Consulting Engineers, on behalf of City of Whitefish
00:33:08 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:13 Sen. Ripley
00:33:31 Scott Anderson, Engineer

City of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Improvements Project, Phase 2

00:34:25 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:34:47 Paul Montgomery, Vice President and Co-owner, Anderson/Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Engineer of Record, City of White Sulphur Springs
00:38:41 Chair Cuffe

City of Livingston, Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

00:38:55 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:39:13 Ed Meece, City Manager, City of Livingston

EXHIBIT(jlh09a04)

00:41:00 Chair Cuffe

Town of Westby, Westby Wastewater System Improvements

00:41:16 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:41:46 Joylene Lagerquist Novota, Westby
00:44:35 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:38 Rep. Hagstrom
00:44:52 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:44:55 Rep. Hagstrom
00:45:27 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:47:15 Rep. Hagstrom
00:47:30 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:47:46 Rep. Hagstrom
00:47:53 Kelly Lynch, COM
00:48:17 Rep. Hagstrom
00:48:30 Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering, for town of Westby
00:48:41 Rep. Hagstrom
00:48:55 Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering
00:49:23 Rep. Tropila
00:49:43 Joylene Lagerquist Novota, Westby
00:49:48 Rep. Tropila

00:50:00 Joylene Lagerquist Novota, Westby
 00:50:04 Chair Cuffe

Fallon County Water and Sewer District, Fallon County WSD Wastewater Collection System

00:50:21 Kelly Lynch, COM
 00:50:44 Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering, Bozeman, Engineers of record for Fallon County Water and Sewer District
 00:51:50 Chair Cuffe left.
 00:52:43 Chair Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:47 Rep Tropila
 00:52:58 Jason Rittal, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC)
 00:53:02 Rep. Tropila
 00:53:33 Jason Rittal, EPEDC
 00:54:13 Rep. Tropila
 00:54:54 Jason Rittal, EPEDC
 00:56:09 Rep. Tropila
 00:56:16 Rep. Peppers
 00:56:22 Jason Rittal, EPEDC
 00:57:16 Rep. Peppers
 00:57:28 Jason Rittal, EPEDC
 00:58:18 Rep. Peppers
 00:58:33 Jason Rittal, EPEDC

Town of Terry, Terry Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

00:58:47 Kelly Lynch, COM
 00:59:03 Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:33 Chair Ripley
 01:01:45 Kelly Lynch, COM

Upper Lower River Road Water and Sewer District, Upper Lower River Road Water and Sewer District Phase 5 Water and Sewer Improvements

01:02:06 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:02:24 Rolland Leitheiser, President, Upper Lower River Road Water and Sewer District
 01:03:10 Chair Cuffe returned.
 01:03:51 Chair Ripley

Town of Flaxville, Flaxville Wastewater System Improvements

01:04:00 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:04:13 Cathy McGowan, from Eastern Montana, on behalf of Flaxville

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:59 Rep. Tropila
 01:06:21 Cathy McGowan, on behalf of Flaxville
 01:06:56 Chair Cuffe

01:07:12 Cathy McGowan, on behalf of Flaxville
 01:07:23 Chair Cuffe

Town of Chester, Chester Wastewater Improvements

01:07:31 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:07:43 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corporation, Havre, representing Chester
 01:10:26 Noel Walston, Mayor, Chester

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:03 Rep. Tropila
 01:12:25 Noel Walston, Mayor
 01:12:45 Rep. Tropila
 01:12:52 Noel Walston, Mayor
 01:13:12 Sen. Ripley
 01:13:28 Noel Walston, Mayor
 01:13:38 Sen. Ripley
 01:13:51 Noel Walston, Mayor,
 01:13:57 Rep. Peppers
 01:14:07 Noel Walston, Mayor

Town of Hyshan, Hysham Water System Improvements

01:14:30 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:14:49 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer, Morrison, Maierle Engineering, for town of Hyshan
[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a05\)](#)
 01:16:38 Chair Cuffe
 01:16:43 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, South Eastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), Colstrip, for Town of Hysham
 01:17:50 Chair Cuffe
 01:18:01 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Simms County Sewer District, Simms County Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements

01:18:18 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:18:22 Wade Deboo, Thomas, Dean and Hoskins (TDH) Engineering, Great Falls, for Simms County
 01:20:48 Chair Cuffe

Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Sewer District, Ten Mile Creek Estates, Pleasant Valley Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 3

01:20:58 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:21:12 Tom Stockton, President, Ten Mile Creek Estates
 01:23:31 Chair Cuffe

City of Laurel, Laurel Water System Improvements

01:23:40 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:23:54 Curt Markegard, Public Works Director, City of Laurel
 01:26:21 Heidi Jensen, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Laurel

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:47 Chair Cuffe

01:27:56 Heidi Jensen, City of Laurel
 01:28:05 Chair Cuffe
 01:28:10 Heidi Jensen, City of Laurel
 01:28:14 Sen. Ripley
 01:29:03 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:30:04 Chair Cuffe

Town of Fromberg, Fromberg Wastewater System Improvements

01:30:18 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:30:39 Richard Anderson, Mayor, Fromberg

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:42 Chair Cuffe
 01:31:45 Richard Anderson, Mayor
 01:33:50 Chair Cuffe
 01:34:16 Rep. Hagstrom
 01:34:38 Richard Anderson, Mayor
 01:34:53 Rep. Hagstrom
 01:34:59 Rep. Tropila
 01:35:35 Kelly Lynch, COM

Tri County District, Tri County Water District Water System Improvements

01:36:47 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:37:09 Wade Deboo, Thomas, Dean and Hoskins (TDH) Engineering, Great Falls

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:34 Rep. Tropila
 01:38:54 Wade Deboo TDH
 01:39:22 Rep. Tropila
 01:40:04 Wade Deboo, TDH
 01:40:30 Rep. Peppers
 01:40:50 Wade Deboo, TDH
 01:41:22 Chair Cuffe

Town of Neihart, Neihart Water System Improvements

01:41:34 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:41:52 Wade Deboo, Thomas, Dean and Hoskins (TDH) Engineering on behalf of town of Neihart
 01:44:25 Chair Cuffe

Town of Denton, Denton Water System

01:44:37 Kelly Lynch, COM
 01:44:56 Cory Hershberger, Councilman, Town of Denton
 01:46:50 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:53 Rep. Tropila
 01:47:06 Cory Hershberger, Town of Denton
 01:47:13 Rep. Tropila
 01:47:16 Chair Cuffe

01:47:19 Cory Hershberger, Town of Denton
01:47:28 Chair Cuffe

Town of Winifred, Winifred Water Systems Improvements

01:47:45 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:48:01 Joe Murphy, Engineer, Big Sky Civil and Environmental (BSCE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:59 Chair Cuffe
01:52:25 Joe Murphy, BSCE
01:53:07 Chair Cuffe
01:53:11 Joe Murphy, BSCE
01:53:28 Chair Cuffe
01:53:36 Rep. Peppers
01:53:53 Joe Murphy, BSCE
01:54:50 Chair Cuffe
01:54:58 Kelly Lynch, COM

City of Roundup, Roundup Water System Improvements

01:55:19 Kelly Lynch, COM
01:55:34 Sandra Jones, Mayor, Roundup

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a06\)](#)

01:58:29 Chair Cuffe
01:58:36 Rep. Tom Berry, (R) HD 40
01:59:46 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:51 Rep. Tropila
02:00:08 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:00:33 Chair Cuffe
02:00:38 Rep. Berry
02:00:44 Chair Cuffe

02:01:00 Recessed.
02:14:19 Reconvened.

02:14:22 Chair Cuffe

Town of Jordan, Jordan Wastewater System Improvements

02:14:50 Kelly Lynch, COM
02:15:04 Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering, Bozeman

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:16:39 Rep. Tropila
02:16:49 Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering

Town of Jordan, Continuation

02:17:46 Martin DeWitt, Jordan
02:20:30 Chair Cuffe

02:20:41 Martin DeWitt, Jordan
 02:21:07 Chair Cuffe

Town of Bainville, Bainville Water System Improvements

02:21:31 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:21:46 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer, Roosevelt County resident

EXHIBIT(jlh09a07)

02:23:48 Rep. Tropila
 02:24:05 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:24:18 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 02:24:43 Chair Cuffe
 02:24:46 Sen. Sesso
 02:25:14 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 02:25:54 Sen. Sesso
 02:26:08 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 02:26:30 Sen. Sesso
 02:26:33 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer
 02:26:39 Sen. Sesso
 02:27:22 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County resident
 02:28:50 Sen. Sesso
 02:29:19 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:30:02 Sen. Sesso
 02:30:10 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:30:16 Rep. Tropila
 02:30:51 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:32:16 Rep. Tropila
 02:32:36 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:32:48 Rep. Tropila
 02:33:00 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:33:11 Rep. Tropila
 02:33:32 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:33:41 Rep. Tropila
 02:33:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
 02:34:13 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:34:41 Chair Cuffe
 02:35:05 Martin DeWitt, Roosevelt County
 02:35:26 Chair Cuffe
 02:35:32 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 02:35:39 Chair Cuffe
 02:35:47 Rep. Hagstrom
 02:36:13 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:37:18 Chair Cuffe

Town of Hot Springs, Hot Springs Wastewater Improvements Project

02:37:24 Kelly Lynch, COM
 02:37:41 Randy Woods, Mayor, Hot Springs
 02:40:29 Chair Cuffe

City of Harlowton, Harlowton Phase 3 Water System Improvements

02:40:40 Kelly Lynch, COM

02:40:56 Jeff Sell, Mayor, Harlowton

02:44:17 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:23 Rep. Peppers

02:44:31 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:44:37 Rep. Peppers

02:44:45 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:44:50 Chair Cuffe

02:44:54 Rep. Hagstrom

02:45:13 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:45:18 Rep. Hagstrom

02:45:29 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:45:36 Rep. Hagstrom

02:45:40 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:46:24 Rep Tropila

02:47:00 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:47:41 Chair Cuffe

02:47:48 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:48:27 Chair Cuffe

02:48:37 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:48:58 Chair Cuffe

02:49:08 Jeff Sell, Mayor

02:49:14 Chair Cuffe

City of Glasgow, Glasgow Water System Improvements

02:49:23 Kelly Lynch, COM

02:49:41 Alice Stanley, DNRC

02:51:36 Chair Cuffe

02:51:42 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer, Morrison and Maierle, on behalf of City of Glasgow

02:54:27 Becky Beard, Grant Writer, on behalf of Rebecca Erickson, Mayor, Glasgow

EXHIBIT(jlh09a08)

02:58:13 Chair Cuffe

02:58:22 Sen. Sesso

02:58:53 Kelly Lynch, COM

02:59:02 Becky Beard

02:59:29 Sen. Sesso

02:59:33 Becky Beard

02:59:35 Sen. Sesso

02:59:37 Becky Beard

03:00:03 Sen. Sesso

03:00:26 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer, re Dry Prairie Water

03:01:24 Sen. Sesso

03:01:40 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer

03:02:24 Sen. Sesso

03:03:21 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer

03:04:05 Sen. Sesso

03:05:00 Alice Stanley, DNRC

03:06:01 Sen. Sesso

03:06:57 Alice Stanley, DNRC

03:07:05 Chair Cuffe
03:07:09 Kelly Lynch, COM

City of Conrad, Conrad Water System Improvements

03:07:23 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:07:47 Wendy Judisch, Mayor, Conrad
03:11:08 Chair Cuffe
03:11:17 Wendy Judisch, Mayor

Town of Medicine Lake, Medicine Lake Wastewater Improvements

03:11:23 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:11:45 Tom Erskine, Interstate Engineering, Billings, on behalf of Medicine Lake
03:16:39 Chair Cuffe

City of Dillon, Dillon Water system Improvements

03:16:53 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:17:12 John Manion, Manion Engineering, on behalf of Mayor Klakken, Dillon
03:22:31 Chair Cuffe

Town of Big Sandy, Big Sandy Water System Improvements

03:22:45 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:22:58 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development Corporation
03:25:24 Chair Cuffe

Crow Tribe of Indians, Crow Tribe Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project

03:25:33 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:25:57 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer, Morrison and Maierle
03:28:44 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:28:47 Rep. Tropila
03:29:19 Alice Stanley, DNRC
03:29:39 Pam Smith, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Department
of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
03:30:28 Rep. Tropila
03:30:32 Chair Cuffe
03:30:37 Rep. Peppers
03:30:52 Jeremy Perlinski, Engineer

Foys Lakeside County Water and Sewer District, Foys Lakeside Estates Water System Improvements

03:31:21 Kelly Lynch, COM
03:31:40 Michael Sugarman, Chairman, Foys Lakeside Water & Sewer District
03:35:11 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:35:13 Rep. Tropila
03:35:45 Michael Sugarman, Chairman
03:36:55 Chair Cuffe

City of Thompson Falls, Thompson Falls Water System Improvement Project

03:37:01 Kelly Lynch, COM

03:37:38 Chair Cuffe

03:37:59 Todd Mitchell, Sanderson Stewart Engineers, on behalf of Thompson Falls

EXHIBIT(jlh09a09)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:42:28 Rep. Tropila

03:42:53 Chair Cuffe

03:42:59 Rep. Tropila

03:43:24 Kelly Lynch, COM

03:43:41 Chair Cuffe

03:43:48 Rep. Tropila

03:44:06 Pam Smith, DNRC

03:44:38 Rep. Tropila

03:45:02 Chair Cuffe

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Informational Discussion:

03:45:51 Tom Fischer, Civil Engineer, Resource Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

03:46:52 Chair Cuffe

03:47:23 Rep. Tropila

03:47:59 Chair Cuffe

03:48:04 Sen. Sesso

03:48:38 Chair Cuffe

03:49:01 Cathy Duncan, LFD

03:49:34 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

03:50:30 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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