

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm, on February 3, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317C  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sam Schaefer, Legislative Branch  
Rita Tenneson, 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:**

00:00:04 Chairman Glimm

**Budget Overview, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

00:00:34 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Finance Division (LFD)

00:03:28 Sen. Brenden

00:03:40 Sam Schaefer, LFD

**Overview Department Natural Resources and Conservation and Introduction of Staff**

00:004:40 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a04\)](#)

00:54:13 Sen. Brenden

00:54:42 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:55:01 Sen. Brenden

00:55:12 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:55:35 Rep. Ballance

00:55:55 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:57:27 Rep. Ballance

00:57:51 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:58:29 Sen. Keane

00:58:46 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:59:53 Sen. Keane

01:00:01 John Tubbs, DNRC

01:00:36 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:01:21 John Tubbs, DNRC

01:02:53 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:03:16 John Tubbs, DNRC

01:04:24 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:04:45 John Tubbs, DNRC

**Overview Allocation of Funding Sources, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation**

01:05:58 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a07\)](#)

01:16:31 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:16:51 John Tubbs, DNRC

01:17:10 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:17:53 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:18:27 Chairman Glimm

01:18:39 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:19:04 John Tubbs, DNRC

01:20:34 Chairman Glimm

01:20:45 Gerry Murphy, Office of Budget, Program and Planning (OBPP)

01:21:10 Sen. Keane

01:22:11 Rep. Ballance  
01:22:48 John Tubbs, DNRC  
01:25:55 Rep. Ballance  
01:26:33 John Tubbs, DNRC  
01:28:03 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:28:18 John Tubbs, DNRC  
01:28:33 Rep. Mehlhoff

**Overview Coal Severance Tax Collections, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

01:30:42 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a10\)](#)

01:39:51 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:40:19 Ray Beck, DNRC  
01:40:46 John Tubbs, DNRC  
01:41:46 Sen. Keane  
01:42:01 Ray Beck, DNRC  
01:42:33 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:42:47 Ray Beck, DNRC  
01:43:18 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:43:38 Ray Beck, DNRC  
01:43:48 John Tubbs, DNRC  
01:44:31 Ray Beck, DNRC

01:45:24 **Recess**

02:01:56 **Reconvened**

**Overview Agency Change Packages, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

02:02:08 Patricia Schiltz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a11\)](#)

02:05:03 Chairman Glimm

02:05:09 Patricia Schiltz, DNRC

02:05:33 Kreh Germaine, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a12\)](#)

**Introduction of Envirothon Competition Students and Information About the Program**

02:07:31 Marlene Moon, Toole County Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jnh24a13\)](#)

02:09:57 Sen. Keane

02:10:13 Hamilton Platt, Helena High School student

02:11:39 Hank Lay, Helena High School student

02:12:50 Christopher Bosch, Helena High School student

02:14:01 Chase Smith, Helena High School student

02:14:47 Claire Pichette, Envirothon Coach, Helena High School Student

02:15:51 Sen. Keane

**Continuation of Agency Change Packages, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation**

02:16:15 Kreh Germaine, DNRC  
02:19:24 Sen. Keane  
02:19:54 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:20:42 Patricia Schiltz, DNRC  
**EXHIBIT(jnh24a14)**  
02:24:26 Chairman Glimm  
02:24:43 Patricia Schiltz, DNRC  
02:25:02 Rep. Ballance  
02:25:39 Patricia Schiltz, DNRC  
02:26:30 Sen. Rosendale  
02:27:16 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:27:32 Sen. Rosendale  
02:27:45 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:28:14 Sen. Rosendale  
02:29:00 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:29:16 Sen. Rosendale  
02:29:23 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:29:46 Sen. Rosendale  
02:30:20 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:31:01 Sen. Rosendale  
02:31:25 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:31:48 Sen. Rosendale  
02:32:00 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:32:19 Sen. Rosendale  
02:33:12 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:33:42 Sen. Rosendale  
02:33:53 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:34:14 Sen. Rosendale  
02:34:29 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:34:38 Sen. Rosendale  
02:35:06 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:35:50 Sen. Rosendale  
02:36:23 John Tubbs, DNRC

**Overview Oil and Gas Fund, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

02:39:40 Jim Halvorson, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
02:49:28 John Tubbs, DNRC  
02:50:08 Chairman Glimm

**Public Comment:**

02:50:24 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a15)**

02:53:02 Willie Bernard, Montana Sorting Control Association (MSCA)  
02:53:46 Don Youngbauer, Yellowstone River Council and Rosebud Conservation  
Districts (MRCDC)  
02:56:00 Nicole Divine, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a16)**

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02:58:19 Dave Rogge, Garfield County Conservation District Council (MRCDC)  
03:02:26 Rachael Frost, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation District Council  
(MRCDC)

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a17)**

03:04:46 Mark Suta, Montana Area Conservation Districts (MACD)  
03:06:49 Bob Peterman, Wibaux Soil Conservation District (MACD)  
03:08:33 Judi Knapp, Treasure County Conservation District (YRCDC)  
03:09:17 Ramsey Offerdal, Pondera County Conservation District (PCCD)  
03:09:53 John Moodry, Mile High Conservation District (MHCD)  
03:12:57 Scott Ross, Sheridan County Conservation District (SCCD)  
03:18:48 John Camden, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a18)**

03:21:24 Barry Amestoy, Dry-Redwater Regional Project  
03:22:36 Juli Ralston, Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD)

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a19)**

03:23:51 Dennis Peppenger, Montana Rural Water System (MRWS)  
03:24:40 George Dengel, Montana Rural Water System (MRWS)  
03:25:17 Jim Magone, Montana Rural Water System (MRWS)  
03:26:09 Pete Dallaserra, Mile High Conservation District (MHCD)  
03:27:07 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Area Conservation Districts (MACD)  
03:27:30 Bob Church, Central Montana Regional Water Association (CRWA)

**EXHIBIT(jnh24a20)**

03:30:34 John Tubbs (DNRC)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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03:33:16

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Rita Tenneson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jnh24aad.pdf](#))**