

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Hopkins, on January 31, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Woehl, Committee Clerk

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 6, 1/21/2019; HB 14, 1/21/2019

08:30:06 Chair Hopkins
08:31:00 Lindsey Volpe, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 6

Proponents:

08:33:19 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Division
08:33:41 Vice Chair Cuffe left the meeting.
08:34:14 Chair Hopkins

Opponents: None

Project Hearings:

08:34:44 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
08:35:12 Scott Aspenlieder, Malta Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a02\)](#)

08:38:00 Dean Yeadon, Malta Irrigation District
08:39:26 Cory Davis, Broadwater Conservation District
08:41:54 Rep. Peppers
08:42:07 Cory Davis, Broadwater Conservation District
08:42:53 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
08:43:13 Scott Aspenlieder, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a03\)](#)

08:45:44 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
08:46:08 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a04\)](#)

08:47:43 Chair Hopkins
08:48:06 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
08:48:33 John Connors, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
08:51:12 Kevin Mcguire, Water Users Association
08:54:55 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
08:55:26 John Connors, DNRC
08:58:52 Rep. Peppers
08:59:19 John Connors, DNRC
09:00:35 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:00:53 John Crowley, Bitterroot Irrigation District
09:04:07 Rep. Peppers
09:04:16 John Crowley, Bitterroot Irrigation District
09:05:03 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:05:37 Matthew Peterson, HDR Engineering

[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a06\)](#)

09:08:57 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:10:02 Erling Juel, Lewis and Clark Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a07\)](#)

09:13:52 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:14:12 Gary Vert, Fort Belknap Indian Community
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a08\)](#)

09:17:59 Rep. Peppers
09:18:05 Gary Vert, Fort Belknap Indian Community
09:18:22 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:18:43 Gary Vert, Glasgow Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a09\)](#)

09:22:06 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:22:22 Cole Peebles, Pondera County Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a10\)](#)

09:27:02 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:27:30 Scott Aspenlieder, Malta Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a11\)](#)

09:29:02 Dean Yeadon, Malta Irrigation District
09:30:20 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:30:46 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a12\)](#)

09:33:06 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:33:33 Raymond Bell, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a13\)](#)

09:37:19 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:37:41 Scott Aspenlieder, Alfalfa Valley Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a14\)](#)

09:39:24 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
09:40:07 Lynn Rettig, Lower Musselshell Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a15\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh19a16\)](#)

09:45:12 Recessed
10:02:02 Reconvened

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON HB 14

Project Hearings:

10:02:08 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:02:46 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project

EXHIBIT(jlh19a17)

10:05:37 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:05:59 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
10:06:09 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:06:19 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
10:06:31 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:06:38 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
10:06:49 Rep. Peppers
10:07:02 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
10:07:46 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:08:10 Jim Foster, Helena Valley Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a18)

10:13:19 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:13:38 Scott Aspenlieder, Golden Ditch Company, Carbon County Conservation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a19)

10:16:27 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:16:50 James Brower, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a20)

10:21:23 Rep. Krautter
10:22:59 Don Steinbeiser, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District
10:24:42 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:24:48 Don Steinbeiser, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District
10:24:52 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:24:55 Don Steinbeiser, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District
10:25:11 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:25:12 Don Steinbeiser, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District
10:25:42 Rep. Peppers
10:25:55 James Bower, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District
10:27:00 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh19a21)

EXHIBIT(jlh19a22)

10:27:45 Dan McGowan, Executive Director, Conservation Districts
10:31:15 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:31:38 James Brower, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a23)

10:33:09 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:33:33 Carl Saunders, Grass Valley French Ditch

EXHIBIT(jlh19a24)

10:38:25 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:38:51 Bob Van Oosten, Stillwater Conservation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a25)

10:40:16 Lindsey Clark, Stillwater Conservation District
10:42:20 Theo Yanzick, Stillwater Conservation District
10:44:44 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:45:08 Shawn Higley, Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services

EXHIBIT(jlh19a26)

10:48:16 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:48:34 Molly Davidson, Hysham Irrigation District
10:52:30 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:53:00 Cole Peebles, Pondera County Conservation District

EXHIBIT(jlh19a27)

10:56:57 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
10:58:05 Chair Hopkins
10:58:33 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:59:04 Chair Hopkins
11:00:17 Anna Miller, DNRC
11:00:29 Alice Stanley, DNRC
11:01:14 Chair Hopkins
11:01:49 Vice Chair Cuffe
11:02:02 Chair Hopkins

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:02:25

Jennifer Woehl, Clerk

jw

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh19aad.pdf](#))