

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Hopkins, on January 21, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Excused:**

Vice Chair Cuffe  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary  
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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, 1/15/2021; HB 14, 1/15/2021; HB 11, 1/15/2021

08:31:42 Sen. Smith assumed the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 6 Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL)**

**HB 11 and HB 14 Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:56 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable Resource Grants (RRGL)

**HB 6, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Program and HB 11 and HB 14 Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Hearing Overview**

08:34:22 Chair Smith

08:34:32 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

08:34:56 Lindsay Volpe, Department of Natural Resource & Conservation(DNRC)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a01\)](#)**

08:40:10 Chair Smith

**HB 6 RRGL; HB 11 and HB 14 TSEP Project Presentations and Proponent Testimonials**

08:40:24 Rachel Clark, Department of Commerce (COM)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a02\)](#)**

08:41:42 Jim Keenan, Butte-Silver Bow Water Utility

08:45:08 Chair Smith

08:45:18 J.P. Gallagher, Butte-Silver Bow County

08:47:19 Chair Smith

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a03\)](#)**

08:49:21 Mayor Mark Sheets, Thompson Falls

08:53:43 Chair Smith

08:54:19 Rachel Clark, COM

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a04\)](#)**

08:55:29 Chris Hayes, Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA)

08:58:36 Chair Smith

08:59:07 John Wetherbee, Fort Smith Water Sewer District

08:59:46 Chair Smith

09:00:18 Richard Knatterud, Department of Commerce (COM)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a05\)](#)**

09:01:10 Mike Ariztia, Lockwood Water and Sewer District

09:05:25 Chair Smith

09:05:30 Clint Peck, Yellowstone Conservation District

09:06:22 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:07:21 Rep. Hamilton

09:11:20 Mike Ariztia, Lockwood Water and Sewer District

09:11:23 Chair Smith

09:11:31 Richard Knatterud, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a06)**

09:12:34 Rep. Hopkins assumed the Chair.  
09:12:39 Don Voegel, self  
09:19:17 Chair Hopkins  
09:19:30 Rep. Hamilton  
09:20:03 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC  
09:23:54 Chair Hopkins  
09:24:25 Rachel Clark, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a07)**

09:25:17 Chair Hopkins  
09:25:20 Paul Montgomery, Montgomery Consulting  
09:28:08 Chair Hopkins  
09:28:38 Rachel Clark, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a08)**

09:29:23 Kitty Schmid, Ekalaka Water Improvement Project  
09:34:41 Chair Hopkins  
09:35:32 Rachel Clark, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a09)**

09:36:26 Holly Phelps, self  
09:39:58 Chair Hopkins  
09:40:29 Richard Knatterud, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a10)**

09:41:43 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition  
09:42:42 Mayor Paul Oughton, City of Harlowton  
09:46:06 Chair Hopkins  
09:46:15 Richard Knatterud, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a11)**

09:47:08 Mayor Dakota Mitchem, City of Joliet  
09:49:25 Chair Hopkins  
09:49:53 Rachel Clark, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a12)**

09:50:51 Trent Freeman, Deer Lodge Public Works  
09:53:23 Rep. Hamilton  
09:53:39 Trent Freeman, Deer Lodge Public Works  
09:54:13 Chair Hopkins

09:54:55 Brief Recess  
10:07:30 Reconvened

10:07:33 Rachel Clark, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh14a13)**

10:08:33 Chair Hopkins

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a14\)](#)

10:10:19 Kyle Scarr, Thomas Dean & Hopkins Engineering (TD&H)

10:14:09 Chair Hopkins

10:14:19 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a15\)](#)

10:16:37 Collette Anderson, Great West Engineering

10:19:45 Tammy Comer, self

10:21:18 Chair Hopkins

10:21:44 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a16\)](#)

10:22:36 Jason Crawford, Triple Tree Engineering

10:25:11 Chair Hopkins

10:25:30 Rep. Hamilton

10:27:11 Jason Crawford, Triple Tree Engineering

10:27:36 Rep. Hamilton

10:27:56 Chair Hopkins

10:28:21 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a17\)](#)

10:29:28 Jean Curtiss, Seeley Lake Sewer District

10:33:11 Chair Hopkins

10:33:14 Rep. Hamilton

10:36:15 Jean Curtiss, Seeley Lake Sewer District

10:36:32 Chair Hopkins

10:36:47 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a18\)](#)

10:37:47 Chair Hopkins

10:38:02 Mayor Sandra Jones, City of Roundup

10:41:00 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition

10:41:42 Chair Hopkins

10:42:02 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a19\)](#)

10:42:47 Collette Anderson, Great West Engineering

10:46:03 Chair Hopkins

10:46:30 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a20\)](#)

10:47:15 Mayor Harlyn Olson, City of Richey

10:49:52 Chair Hopkins

10:50:28 Richard Knattrud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a21\)](#)

10:51:23 Mayor Chris Dschaak, City of Wolf Point

10:53:14 Chair Hopkins  
10:53:24 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a22\)](#)

10:54:17 Mayor Ken Ehli, City of Circle  
10:56:34 Chair Hopkins  
10:56:46 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a23\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a24\)](#)

10:58:48 Chair Hopkins  
10:58:56 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a25\)](#)

10:59:44 Robert Smith, Cooke City Wastewater Project  
11:03:17 Chair Hopkins  
11:03:33 Rep. Hamilton  
11:05:19 Robert Smith, Cooke City Sewer District  
11:05:31 Rachel Clark, COM  
11:06:20 Chair Hopkins  
11:06:39 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a26\)](#)

11:07:35 Chair Hopkins  
11:07:41 Richard Jespersen, Big Sandy Town Council  
11:12:05 Chair Hopkins  
11:12:11 Susan Brurud, Bear Paw Development  
11:14:49 Chair Hopkins  
11:15:13 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a27\)](#)

11:16:05 Chair Hopkins  
11:16:09 Mayor James Schell, City of East Helena  
11:18:44 Chair Hopkins  
11:19:15 Rachel Cook, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a28\)](#)

11:20:17 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition  
11:21:37 Chair Hopkins  
11:22:10 Rachel Cook, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a29\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a30\)](#)

**Committee Business**

11:25:41 Chair Hopkins  
11:26:48 Catherine Duncan, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a31\)](#)

**Brief Return to Hearing on HB 6 RRGL and HB 11, HB 14 TSEP Projects Testimonial**

11:34:04 Kim Jensen, Winnett Wastewater Project

11:35:42 Chair Hopkins

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:36:26

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh14aad.pdf](#))**