

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 22, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
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, 1/14/2021; HB 11, 1/14/2021; HB 14, 1/14/2021

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

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

08:33:00 Chair Hopkins
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a01\)](#)

08:33:05 Richard Knatterud, Department of Commerce (COM)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a05\)](#)

08:34:49 Chair Hopkins
08:35:24 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

HB 6 RRGL and HB 14 TSEP Project Presentations and Testimonials

08:35:59 Richard Knatterud, COM
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a06\)](#)

08:37:18 Mayor Roland Karlin, City of Big Timber
08:40:24 Chair Hopkins
08:40:27 Rep. Hamilton
08:43:41 Mayor Karlin, City of Big Timber
08:44:23 Craig Erickson, Great West Engineering
08:46:23 Rep. Hamilton
08:46:35 Chair Hopkins
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a07\)](#)

08:49:07 Jennifer Sato, Big Mountain County Sewer District Board
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a08\)](#)

08:51:37 Paul Montgomery, Anderson Montgomery Engineers
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a09\)](#)

08:54:17 Chair Hopkins
08:54:45 Rachel Clark, COM
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a10\)](#)

08:55:34 Erin Schattauer, Three Forks City Council
08:58:04 Chair Hopkins
08:58:12 Rep. Hamilton
08:59:01 Erin Schattauer, Three Forks City Council
08:59:11 Chair Hopkins
08:59:48 Susan Hays, Great West Engineering
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a11\)](#)

09:00:28 Chair Hopkins

09:00:45 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a12\)](#)

09:01:36 Mayor Connie Wittak, City of Flaxville

09:05:05 Chair Hopkins

09:05:32 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a13\)](#)

09:06:12 Mayor Rick Morris, City of Fort Benton

09:07:46 Chair Hopkins

09:08:11 Richard Knatterud, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a14\)](#)

09:09:34 Chair Hopkins

09:09:56 Rachel Clark, COM

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a15\)](#)

09:10:41 Mayor Holly Hovland, City of Sunburst

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a16\)](#)

09:13:43 Rep. Hamilton

09:14:04 Mayor Hovland, City of Sunburst

09:15:35 Chair Hopkins

09:16:19 Rachel Clark, COM

09:16:41 Mayor Brett Teske, City of Libby

09:19:59 Chair Hopkins

09:20:08 Vice Chair Cuffe

09:20:41 Mayor Teske, City of Libby

09:21:38 Vice Chair Cuffe

09:22:18 Chair Hopkins

09:22:55 Rachel Clark, COM

09:23:03 Chair Hopkins

HB 6 and HB 14 RRGL Program Overview and Update

09:23:20 Lindsay Volpe, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

09:23:40 Chair Hopkins

09:23:46 Catherine Duncan, LFD

09:24:14 Autumn Coleman, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

09:30:32 Chair Hopkins

09:30:42 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a17\)](#)

09:44:58 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the Chair.

09:45:02 Rep. Hamilton

09:45:44 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:47:56 Chair Cuffe

09:48:56 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:50:20 Chair Cuffe

09:51:18 Rep. Hamilton

09:52:15 Anna Miller, DNRC
09:54:04 Rep. Hamilton
09:54:08 Rep. Hopkins assumed the Chair.
09:54:25 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a19\)](#)

10:06:23 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:07:40 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
10:08:16 Chair Hopkins
10:08:29 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
10:19:14 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the Chair.
10:19:16 Rep. Hamilton
10:20:02 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:25:07 Chair Cuffe
10:25:11 Rep. Hamilton
10:25:34 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:26:02 Rep. Hamilton
10:26:18 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:29:46 Chair Cuffe
10:30:03 Cathy Duncan, LSD
10:30:50 Chair Cuffe
10:31:18 Catherine Duncan, LSD
10:31:50 Rep. Hopkins assumed the Chair.
10:32:13 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:32:32 Catherine Duncan, LSD

Brief return to the RRGL General and Project Proponent Testimony

10:33:00 Chair Hopkins
10:33:06 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition
10:35:25 Chair Hopkins
10:35:52 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)
10:36:51 Chair Hopkins
10:37:21 Catherine Duncan, LFD
10:41:45 Rep. Hamilton
10:42:45 Chair Hopkins
10:42:32 Catherine Duncan, LFD
10:46:44 Rep. Hamilton
10:49:42 Chair Hopkins
10:50:00 Catherine Duncan, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a20\)](#)

10:54:28 Chair Hopkins
10:54:31 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:55:39 Catherine Duncan, LFD
10:57:27 Chair Hopkins
10:57:47 Catherine Duncan, LFD
11:03:43 Chair Hopkins

Brief return to HB 6 and HB 14 RRGL Program Project Proponents

11:04:16 Jeff Teberry, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Committee Business

11:05:39 Chair Hopkins
11:08:19 Rep. Hamilton
11:09:10 Catherine Duncan, LFD
11:10:24 Chair Hopkins

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 11:11:58

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh15aad.pdf](#))