

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 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Rep. Sue Vinton

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, 1/21/2021

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:03:15 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB6, Renewable Resource Grants.

10:03:25 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:03:44 Lindsay Volpe, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a02\)](#)

10:06:07 Josh Wells, Park County Water and Sewer District (PCWSD)

10:07:36 Chair Hopkins

10:07:39 Rep. Hamilton

10:09:03 Chair Hopkins

10:09:05 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a03\)](#)

10:09:56 Joe Murphy, Big Sky Engineering

10:12:47 Casey Kinyon, City of Havre

10:14:22 Chair Hopkins

10:14:44 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a04\)](#)

10:15:34 Sindie Kennedy, Missoula County Community and Planning Services

10:18:04 Chair Hopkins

10:18:21 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

10:18:30 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a05\)](#)

10:19:12 Tom Stockton, Ten Mile Creek Water and Sewer District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a06\)](#)

10:21:40 Chair Hopkins

10:22:10 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a07\)](#)

10:23:34 John Palm, Bozeman Greenfield

10:26:09 Rep. Hamilton

10:26:41 John Palm, Bozeman Greenfield

10:28:39 Chair Hopkins

10:28:44 Vice Chair Cuffe

10:29:33 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

10:30:08 Catherine Duncan, LFD

10:31:27 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

10:32:01 Chair Hopkins

10:32:19 Catherine Duncan, LFD

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE
PLANNING

January 25, 2021

PAGE 3 of 6

10:32:47 Chair Hopkins
10:33:27 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a08\)](#)

10:34:44 Ross Wagner, Montana Correctional Enterprises
10:37:23 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed role of Chair
10:38:32 Jim Simpson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
10:39:50 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed role of Chair
10:39:59 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a09\)](#)

10:40:47 Nancy Moorehouse, Self
10:41:22 Ross Salmond, Teton County Conservation District (TCCD)
10:45:27 Chair Cuffe
10:45:53 Ross Salmond, Teton County Conservation District (TCCD)
10:46:12 Chair Cuffe
10:46:26 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a10\)](#)

10:46:46 Logan McInis, Rattlesnake Creek Project
10:50:21 Rep. Hamilton
10:51:14 Logan McInis, Rattlesnake Creek Project
10:51:41 Chair Cuffe
10:52:54 Catherine Duncan, LFD
10:53:20 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
10:53:42 Rep. Hamilton
10:54:00 Chair Cuffe
10:54:13 Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark County Conservation District (LCCCD)
10:59:08 Rep. Hopkins resumed role of Chair
10:59:20 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
11:00:17 Rep. Hamilton
11:00:52 Jeff Ryan, LCCCD
11:01:39 Rep. Hamilton
11:01:51 Jeff Ryan, LCCCD
11:03:02 Chair Hopkins
11:03:19 Jeff Ryan, LCCCD
11:03:31 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
11:03:49 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC.
11:05:09 Chair Hopkins
11:05:41 Allison Russell, United States Forrest Service (USFS)
11:07:16 Chair Hopkins
11:08:01 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Joint Board of Control

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a11\)](#)

11:12:16 Chair Hopkins
11:12:24 Vice Chair Cuffe
11:14:04 Chair Hopkins
11:14:55 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
11:15:27 Chair Hopkins

11:15:41 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
11:16:11 Jeff Pattison, Milk River Watershed Alliance
11:19:00 Chair Hopkins
11:19:12 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
11:20:25 Chairman Hopkins
11:20:36 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a12\)](#)

11:21:26 Chair Hopkins
11:21:36 Erling Juel, Greenfield Irrigation District
11:24:16 Chair Hopkins
11:24:32 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
11:25:58 Chair Hopkins
11:26:05 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a13\)](#)

11:26:49 Chair Hopkins
11:26:57 Jim Foster, Helena Valley Irrigation District (HVID)
11:30:02 Chair Hopkins
11:30:18 Jim Foster, HVID
11:31:37 Chair Hopkins
11:31:43 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a14\)](#)

11:32:23 Cole Peebles, Self
11:37:07 Chair Hopkins
11:37:25 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a15\)](#)

11:38:32 Mark McNearney, Ackley Lake Water Users Association
11:41:18 Chair Hopkins
11:41:34 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a16\)](#)

11:42:27 Erling Juel, Greenfield Irrigation District
11:46:48 Chair Hopkins
11:46:59 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a17\)](#)

11:47:52 Erling Juel, Greenfield Irrigation District
11:50:58 Chair Hopkins
11:51:09 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a18\)](#)

11:52:10 Jim Foster, HVID
11:55:21 Chair Hopkins
11:55:27 Rep. Hamilton
11:55:53 Jim Foster, HVID
11:57:09 Chair Hopkins

11:57:19 Shawn Higley, Self
11:57:55 Rep. Hamilton
11:58:20 Shawn Higley, Self
11:59:23 Chair Hopkins
11:59:42 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh16a19)

12:00:39 Lynn Rettig, Lower Musselshell Conservation District
12:05:49 Chair Hopkins
12:06:35 Catherine Duncan, LFD
12:06:57 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC
12:07:32 Chair Hopkins
12:08:03 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition
12:08:51 Chair Hopkins

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:09:03

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

jb

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh16aad.pdf](#))