

## 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 28, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

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

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 8, 1/19/2021; HB 11, 1/19/2021

08:32:04 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON HB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:39 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable Resources Bonds and Loans and on HB11, Treasure State Endowment Program.

**Public Comment:**

08:34:19 Sen. Smith assumed the chair.

08:34:25 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a01)**

08:34:51 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a02)**

08:43:41 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a03)**

08:47:30 Rep. Hopkins resumed the chair.

08:47:52 Bill Herbolich, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)

08:49:20 Catherine Duncan, LFD

08:48:46 Sen. Smith assumed the chair.

08:49:55 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

08:50:16 Anna Miller, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a04)**

08:53:22 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone County Conservation District Council (YCCDC)

08:54:15 Chair Smith

08:54:23 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

08:54:52 Scott Aspenleider, Lockwood Irrigation District (LID)

08:57:31 Chair Smith

08:57:44 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

08:58:04 Scott Aspenleider, Huntley Irrigation District (HID)

09:00:48 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

09:02:35 Rep. Hopkins

09:02:50 Rex Radtke, Lower Willow Creek Irrigation District (LWCID)

09:05:31 Chair Smith

09:05:44 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

09:06:24 Autumn Coleman, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

09:13:30 Rep. Hopkins resumed the chair.

09:13:37 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Joint Board of Control

09:15:49 Chair Hopkins

09:16:23 Bill Herbolich, DNRC

09:18:53 George Luther, Tongue River and Yellowstone Irrigation District (T&Y)

09:24:39 Commissioner Keith Holmlund, Yellowstone County

09:27:33 Chair Hopkins

09:28:02 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:28:20 Chair Hopkins  
09:28:26 Rebecca Boslough, Yellowstone River Conservation Council (YRCC)  
09:29:28 Chair Hopkins  
09:29:53 George Luther, T&Y  
09:30:41 Chad Raisland, Tongue River and Yellowstone Irrigation District (T&Y)  
09:32:13 Chair Hopkins  
09:32:35 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation Council (YRC)  
09:33:50 Chair Hopkins  
09:34:39 Anna Miller, DNRC  
09:36:47 Rep. Vinton  
09:37:23 Chair Hopkins  
09:38:00 Anna Miller, DNRC  
09:39:05 Chair Hopkins  
09:39:10 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
09:40:31 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a05)**

09:41:28 Steve Wade, North Central Regional Water (NCRW)

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a06)**

09:44:08 Brief Recess  
10:00:16 Reconvened  
  
10:00:21 Chair Hopkins  
10:00:24 Anna Miller, DNRC  
10:02:56 Rob Cook, Dry Red Water Project  
10:06:35 Chair Hopkins  
10:06:44 Rep. Hamilton  
10:06:59 Rob Cook, Dry Red Water Project  
10:08:04 Chair Hopkins  
10:08:19 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water Authority  
10:10:14 Chair Hopkins  
10:11:24 Mandi Nay, Dry Redwater Project  
10:11:31 Jerry Meissner, Dry Redwater Regional Water Authority  
10:13:26 Mandi Nay, Dry Redwater Project  
10:15:06 Chair Hopkins  
10:15:18 Anna Miller, DNRC  
10:15:52 Monte Sealey, Central Montana Water System Committee  
10:23:33 Chair Hopkins  
10:23:40 Bob Church, Central Montana Water System Committee  
10:26:12 Chair Hopkins  
10:26:18 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:26:44 Bob Church, Central Montana Water System Committee  
10:27:20 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:27:41 Bob Church, Central Montana Water System Committee  
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10:29:53 Bob Church, Central Montana Water System Committee  
10:30:42 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:31:49 Chair Hopkins

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10:37:11 Anna Miller, DNRC  
10:37:29 Chair Hopkins  
10:37:42 Anna Miller, DNRC  
10:40:33 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a07)**

10:47:11 Chair Hopkins  
10:47:17 Rep. Hamilton  
10:48:10 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:48:13 Rep. Hamilton  
10:48:33 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:49:02 Rep. Hamilton  
10:49:28 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:51:44 Chairman Hopkins  
10:51:47 Rep. Hamilton  
10:51:50 Chairman Hopkins  
10:52:37 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:52:45 Chairman Hopkins  
10:55:22 Rob Cook, Dry Red Water Project  
10:55:38 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water Authority (DPRWA)  
10:56:25 Chair Hopkins  
10:58:04 Rep. Hamilton assumed role of Chair

**Closing:**

10:58:29 Rep. Hopkins closed the hearing on HB 8 and HB 11

**Committee Business**

11:00:02 Chair Hopkins  
11:00:17 Rep. Hamilton

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
11:00:50

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh19aad.pdf](#))**