

## 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 29, 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 (R)  
Sen. 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 7, 1/22/2021; HB 14 1/22/2021

**HEARING ON HB 7 and HB 14**

08:35:52 Sen. Smith assumed role of Chair

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:36:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation and Development Grants and on HB 14, Long-Range Building Bonding Program.

**Public Comment:**

08:37:17 Chair Smith

08:37:54 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh20a01\)](#)**

08:38:19 Autumn Coleman, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh20a02\)](#)**

08:49:26 Chair Smith

08:49:31 Autumn Coleman, DNRC

08:51:21 Chair Smith

08:51:27 Rep. Hamilton

08:52:23 Autumn Coleman, DNRC

08:53:29 Chair Smith

08:54:06 Heidi Anderson Felnagy, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh20a03\)](#)**

09:08:11 Chair Smith

09:08:40 Rep. Hamilton

09:09:37 Heidi Anderson Felnagy, DNRC

09:10:09 Rep. Hamilton

09:10:25 Heidi Anderson Felnagy, DNRC

09:11:02 Chair Smith

09:11:30 Catherine Duncan, LFD

09:18:17 Chair Smith

09:18:22 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh20a04\)](#)**

09:20:08 Heidi Anderson Felnagy, DNRC

09:21:03 Mayor Daniel Reddish, Phillipsburg

09:24:37 Chair Smith

09:24:54 Rep. Hamilton

09:25:20 Mayor Reddish, Phillipsburg

09:26:41 Rep. Hamilton

09:26:51 Mayor Reddish, Phillipsburg

09:27:21 Chair Smith

09:27:36 Heidi Anderson Felnagy, DNRC

09:31:49 Kylie Paul, Missoula County Planning Department

09:34:26 Chair Smith

09:34:59 Laura Teig, Harlowtown Wetland Working Group  
09:39:10 Chair Smith  
09:39:49 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
09:40:22 Commissioner Roman Zylaway, Mineral County  
09:45:26 Chair Smith  
09:46:00 Rep. Hamilton  
09:46:26 Andy Short, self  
09:47:09 Chair Smith  
09:47:27 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
09:49:26 Chair Smith  
09:49:55 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
09:55:18 Chair Smith  
09:55:49 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
09:56:20 Wade Jepson, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)  
09:59:44 Chair Smith  
10:00:12 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
10:00:57 Matt Johnson, RESPEC Engineering  
10:07:16 Chair Smith  
  
10:08:18 Brief Recess  
10:23:58 Reconvened  
  
10:24:08 Rep. Hopkins resumed the chair  
10:24:57 Rep. Ray Shaw  
10:32:29 Dominique Shore, Ruby Valley Conservation District (RVCD)  
10:34:39 Chair Hopkins  
10:35:11 Rep. Loge  
10:39:03 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:40:51 Chair Hopkins  
10:41:18 Clayton Elliot, Trout Unlimited  
10:44:29 Chair Hopkins  
10:45:00 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
10:45:36 City Manager Holly Phelps, Lewistown  
10:52:05 Chair Hopkins  
10:52:53 Jim Simpson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)  
10:54:37 Chair Hopkins  
10:54:51 Mayor Holly Hovland, Sunburst  
10:56:23 Sara Converse, Sweetgrass Development  
10:58:48 Christin Hileman, Newfields Engineering  
11:00:01 Chair Hopkins  
11:01:22 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:02:17 Autumn Coleman, DNRC  
11:03:25 Christin Hileman, Newfields Engineering  
11:04:55 Chair Hopkins  
11:05:23 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:06:15 JP Gallagher, Butte-Siverbow County Government  
11:08:35 Chair Hopkins  
11:09:03 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:10:32 Ben LaPorte, Big Hole Watershed Committee

11:13:32 Chair Hopkins  
11:13:42 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:15:28 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:15:55 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:16:33 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:16:49 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:17:35 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:17:45 Autumn Coleman, DNRC  
11:19:02 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:19:11 Chair Hopkins  
11:19:29 Rep. Derek Harvey, self  
11:20:29 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
11:21:56 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:25:05 Chair Hopkins  
11:25:22 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
11:25:48 Chair Hopkins  
11:26:39 Rep. Hamilton  
11:27:04 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:27:44 Rep. Hamilton  
11:28:09 Heidi Anderson Folnagy, DNRC  
11:29:23 Mayor John Mhufeld, Whitefish  
11:33:46 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jlh20a05)**

11:39:58 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:43:20 Chair Hopkins  
11:43:26 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget & Program Planning (OBPP)  
11:44:22 Chair Hopkins  
11:44:27 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
11:44:41 Chair Hopkins  
11:45:05 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
11:45:41 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
11:47:37 Rep. Hamilton  
11:48:12 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the chair.

**Closing**

11:48:40 Rep. Hopkins

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:49:01

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh20aad.pdf](#))**