

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE
PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Mike Hopkins-R, on January 18, 2023 at 8:08 AM, in 317B

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

Staff Present: Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Sara Fleming, Secretary

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 01/16/2023

HB 11 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

11:37:42

Committee Discussion:

11:37:48 Sen. Mike Lang
11:37:59 Renee Lemon, DOC
11:39:44 Rep. Mike Hopkins

HEARING ON HB 6 - Renewable resource grants

Opening Statement:

08:09:56 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

Questions from Committee:

08:12:35 Katy Callon
08:21:32 Rep. Mike Hopkins
08:22:13 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator, Community Mt Division, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)
08:24:09 Joe Voss, Director, Public Works, Town of Cascade
08:25:28 Rep. Matt Regier joined the meeting.
08:25:43 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.
08:26:19 Renee Lemon, DOC
08:26:55 Dave Peterson, Director, Public Works, City of Havre
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08:31:03 Rep. Paul Tuss
08:32:41 Katy Callon
08:33:24 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:33:50 Josh Gomez, Community Development Specialist, Bear Paw Development, Town of Dodson

08:36:50 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:37:18 Carrie Gardner, Project Manager, City of Thompson Falls

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08:41:19 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:41:44 Matt Greemore, Council President, Town of Twin Bridges

08:45:18 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:45:47 Jeremiah Kjensmo, Town Clerk, Town of Dutton

08:48:47 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:49:45 Kathy Bond, Mayor, Town of Geraldine

08:53:52 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:54:26 Chris Dschaak, Mayor, City of Wolf Point

08:57:00 Renee Lemon, DOC

08:58:53 Wayne Stahl, Council Person, Town of Saco

09:00:26 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:01:06 Chris Hayes, Engineer, City of Troy

09:05:18 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:05:56 Chris Hindoiem, Mayor, City of Choteau

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09:07:17 Sen. Mike Lang left the meeting.

09:07:31 Rep. Matt Regier left the meeting.

09:09:10 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:09:28 Recessed

09:25:24 Reconvened

09:25:33 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:26:01 Chris Goodman, Chair, Craig County Water and Sewer District

09:31:16 Renee Lemon, DOC

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09:33:05 Andrew Cadman, Public Works Assistant, Town of Superior

09:37:48 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:38:36 Jon Gass, WGM Group, City of Libby Creek Community

09:41:21 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:42:03 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:42:40 Becky Anseth, ??

09:43:47 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:45:01 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:45:22 Aaron McConkey, Morrison-Maierie, Corvallis Sewer District

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09:48:44 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:49:27 Lorette Carter, Community Development Director, City of Shelby

[EXHIBIT\(230118JLHa7\)](#)

09:52:27 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:52:54 Randy Woods, Mayor, Town of Hot Springs

09:54:58 Renee Lemon, DOC

09:56:15 Jon Gass, WGM Group, Hideaway Community County Water and Sewer District

09:58:46 Kaia Peterson, ???????, Neighbor Works Montana

10:00:30 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:01:06 Josh Sommer, Engineer, Town of Belt

10:04:01 Sen. Mike Cuffe

10:04:37 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:05:44 Julie Spencer, District Manager, Bigfork Water & Sewer District

10:09:39 Sen. Mike Cuffe

10:11:16 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:12:02 Jim Maddox, Board Member, Martinsdale Water and Sewer District

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10:16:24 Renee Lemon, DOC

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10:18:08 Robert Smith, Chairman, Cooke Pass, Cooke City, Silvergate County Sewer District

10:19:03 Rep. Matt Regier joined the meeting.

10:23:00 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:23:40 Jason Wallace, Manager and Operator, Absarokee Water and Sewer District

10:28:54 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:29:44 Alan Erickson, City Engineer, City of Boulder

10:33:13 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

10:33:19 Renee Lemon, DOC

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10:35:18 Jaymes Brietbach, Councilman, Town of Circle CORRECT SPELLING

10:38:11 Sen. Mike Lang

10:38:35 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:40:40 Rep. Paul Tuss

10:41:27 Becky Anseth, DOC

10:43:24 Jonathan Gass, Engineer, WGM Group, City of Kalispell

10:45:41 Kaia Peterson, Neighbor Works, Montana

10:47:21 Sen. Mike Lang

10:48:05 Jonathan Gass, Engineer, WGM Group, City of Kalispell

10:49:06 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:49:44 Mike Ariztia, District Manager, Lockwood Water and Sewer District

10:53:05 Renee Lemon, DOC

10:53:52 Daniel Reddish, Mayor, Town of Phillipsburg

10:58:50 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

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11:01:37 Renee Lemon, DOC

11:02:28 Terry Tyler, Engineer, Town of Chester

11:06:40 Renee Lemon, DOC

11:07:21 Julia Robbins, Director of Community Development, Bear Paw Development, Town of Hingham

11:09:49 Renee Lemon, DOC

11:12:04 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

11:12:24 Rep. Mike Hopkins

11:12:43 Renee Lemon, DOC

11:14:10 Michelle Pond, WGM Group, Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District

11:18:58 Rep. Matt Regier joined the meeting.

11:19:04 Rep. Matt Regier

11:19:17 Michelle Pond, WGM Group, Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District

11:20:28 Renee Lemon, DOC

11:21:06 Michelle Pond, WGM Group, Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District
11:22:10 Rep. Paul Tuss
11:22:44 Renee Lemon. DOC
11:24:51 Holly Hovland, Mayor, Town of Sunburst
11:28:59 Rep. Mike Hopkins
11:29:11 Mike Evans, Mayor, Town of Townsend
11:34:07 Rep. Matt Regier left the meeting.
11:37:20 Rep. Mike Hopkins
11:37:42

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40:01

Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230118JLHaad\)](#)