

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 20, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (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

Executive Action:

08:03:13

Committee Discussion:

08:03:33 Katy Callon

HEARING ON HB 6 - Renewable resource grants

Opening Statement:

08:03:59 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

Questions from Committee:

08:04:37 Lindsey Bolpe, Renewable Resource Grant Program (RRG)

08:05:49 Tim Burton, Interim City Manager, City of Helena

08:06:18 Jamie Clark, City Engineer, City of Helena

08:10:30 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:12:23 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:13:56 Katie Thompson, West Yellowstone Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

08:15:47 Rep. Paul Tuss

08:16:03 Rep. Matt Regier left the meeting.

08:17:13 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:17:57 Brad Koon, City of Conrad

08:18:35 Jamie Miller, City of Conrad

08:22:57 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:23:29 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

08:27:45 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

08:29:52 Rebecca Boslough-??????, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

08:33:18 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:35:15 Erling Juel, District Manager, Greenfields Irrigation District

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08:41:48 Sen. Mike Lang

08:44:16 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:44:54 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:45:29 James Brower, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District

08:57:13 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

08:57:42 Rep. John Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

08:57:49 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

08:58:35 James Brower, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation ??????????????????

09:05:31 Sen. Mike Lang

09:06:19 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:07:06 Mark Dhiel, Helena Valley Irrigation District

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09:08:37 Rep. John Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

09:09:16 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:10:25 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering,

09:13:14 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:13:36 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

09:13:53 Cole Peebles, Pondera County Conservation District

09:19:14 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:20:15 Ron Nye, County Commissioner, Madison County

09:22:25 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:23:41 Audra Bell, Representative, Ruby Valley Conservation District

09:27:48 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:27:54 Recessed

09:38:32 Reconvened

09:38:52 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

09:39:22 Otto Ohlson, Dam Tender, Newlan Creek Water District

09:45:17 Sen. Mike Lang

09:45:37 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

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[EXHIBIT\(230120JLHa4\)](#)

09:46:38 James Brower, Savage Irrigation District

09:53:50 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

[EXHIBIT\(230120JLHa5\)](#)

09:54:51 Cole Peebles, Pondera County Conservation District

09:57:57 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

[EXHIBIT\(230120JLHa6\)](#)

09:58:31 Dennis Miotke, Manager, East Bench Irrigation District

10:03:35 Lindsey Bolpe, RRP

10:04:59 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project

10:06:17 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:07:14 Mark Peterson, Chairman, Hill County Board of Commissioners

10:09:43 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:10:50 Brad Koon, JJJ Engineering, Granite Conservation District

10:12:45 Brad Radtke, Treasurer, ??????????

10:14:07 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL
[EXHIBIT\(230120JLHa7\)](#)

10:15:12 Shawn Higley, Representative, North Chinook Irrigation Association

10:18:47 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL
[EXHIBIT\(230120JLHa8\)](#)

10:19:54 Denny Overcast, Chairman, Board of Directors, Paradise Valley Irrigation District

10:23:24 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:24:39 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering, Huntley Project Irrigation District

10:29:08 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:30:39 Rick Scheele, District Manager, Tin Cup Water and Sewer District

10:37:21 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:38:28 Shawn Higley, Representative, City of Billings

10:40:42 Autumn Coleman, Resource Development Chief, DNRC

10:43:02 Lindsey Bolpe, RGL

10:45:21 Rep. Mike Hopkins

10:46:14 Sen. Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

10:47:03 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 6.

Discussion:

08:03:13

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:47:44

Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230120JLHaad\)](#)