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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Schillinger-R, on January 25, 2023 at 9:05 AM, in Room 317C

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Jerry Schillinger, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Christine Hultin, OBPP Staffer
Kathlyn Walker, 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:

Executive Action:

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09:06:59 Chair Schillinger

09:07:52 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

09:11:00 Dean Rogge, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), Garfield Conservation District

09:11:45 Greg Jergeson, Lake Country Conservation District

09:13:47 Nathan Shackelford, Sheridan County Conservation District
EXHIBIT 1

09:17:18 Becky Clements, Gallatin Conservation District

09:20:02 Steve Tyrrel, Lower Musselshell Conservation District

09:22:57 Chad Sedgwick, Yellowstone Country Conservation District

09:24:06 Bob VanOosten, Stillwater Conservation District

09:25:49 Sharon Flemetis, Stillwater Country Conservation District

09:31:33 Dusty Olson, Garfield County Conservation District

09:36:32 Samantha Tappenbeck, Resource Conservationist, Flathead Conservation District

09:38:23 Sen. Bogner left the meeting.

09:41:01 Jane Holzer, Judith Basin Conservation District

09:43:26 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting.

09:45:44 Jay King, Chairman, Petroleum County Conservation District

09:47:29 Laura Kiehl, Supervisor, Petroleum County Conservation District

09:51:04 Chair Schillinger

09:51:17 Molly Masters, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation District

09:52:36 Dan Rostad, Sweetgrass County Conservation District, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council
EXHIBIT 2

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09:55:15 Scott Brown, Montana Selenity Control Association

09:58:53 Gayla Wortman, Cascade Conservation District

10:00:28 Audra Bell, Ruby Valley Conservation District
EXHIBIT 3

10:02:08 Recessed

10:17:35 Reconvened

10:17:43 Jeff Ryan, Chairman, Lewis and Clark Conservation District

10:20:52 Cole Peebles, Ponderay County Conservation District

10:21:55 Kathleen Johnson, Lincoln Conservation District

10:23:53 Steve Wanderaas, Chairman, McCone Conservation District,

10:25:11 Rebecca Boslough-King, MACD

10:30:36 Chair Schillinger

10:30:54 John Camden, Executive Director, Montana Rural Water Systems
EXHIBIT 4

10:33:12 Kevin Durocher, Montana Rural Water Systems

10:34:56 Julie Spencer, Montana Rural Water Systems

10:36:16 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

10:37:17 Rob Cook, North Central Montana Regional Water and Dry Red Water
Regional Water Authorities

10:41:05 Mark Meyer, Pioneer Technical Services

10:43:40 Andrew Gorder, Clark Fork Coalition

10:46:33 Katie Cooper, self

10:49:00 Mike Bias, Executive Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

10:51:45 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Cattle Growers Association, Montana
Cattlemen, Montana Public Lands Council, Montana Association of
State Grazing Districts

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10:53:53 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

10:55:59 Bob Sitz, Willow Creek Water Users Board

10:56:33 Jeremiah Theys, Montana Association of Dams and Canal Systems,
Great West Engineering

10:57:18 Rep. Read left the meeting.

10:58:46 Cole Peebles, Ponderay County Canal and Reservoir Company

11:01:12 Jim Keenan, Butte Silver Bow City and County

11:04:53 Rebecca Boslough-King, MACD

11:05:19 Matt Johnson, Civil Engineer, RESPEC

11:12:09 Jason Callahan, Green Diamond Resource Company

11:13:13 Chair Schillinger

11:14:08 Amber Smith, self

11:14:39 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

11:15:19 Chris Brown, self

11:18:29 Rich Cowger, Columbus Fire Chief, President of Montana Fire Lines,
Montana State County Fire Wardens, State Fire Chiefs Association,
State Volunteer Firefighters Association, Fire District Trustees
Association

11:20:12 Jeff Reed, self, Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group

11:23:50 Radley Watkins, Missoula Conservation District

11:26:14 Brant Oswald, self

11:28:02 Vern Smith, self

11:29:42 Tana Nulph, Big Hole Watershed Committee

11:31:25 Doug Bonsell, Carter County Conservation District

11:34:55 Ethan Kunard, Executive Director, Montana Watershed Coordination
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11:37:19 Kerry Devant, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources and
Transportation (DNRC)

11:40:35 Chair Schillinger

11:40:52 Rob Miller, (LFD)

11:41:07 Christine Hultin, Governor's Office of Budget Program and Planning
(OBPP)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:41:35

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125JNHaad\)](#)