

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 16, 2007 at 8:04 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Mark Bruno, OBPP
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

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, 1/3/2007; HB 8, 1/3/2007; HB 11, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:16 Sen. Barkus
00:00:32 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:00:42 Ms. Duncan
00:01:03 Chairman Kasten

CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6, HB 8 AND HB 11:

PRESENTATION ON NEIHART:

00:01:17 Jim Edgcomb, Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)
00:02:10 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:01 Bill Lewis, Mayor of Neihart
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a01\)](#)
00:05:36 John Juras, TD&L Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:47 Sen. Barkus
00:06:55 Mr. Lewis
00:08:42 Rep. Kasten
00:09:48 Mr. Lewis

PRESENTATION ON THREE FORKS:

00:10:14 Mr. Edgcomb
00:11:05 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:46 Gene Townsend, Mayor of Three Forks
00:14:10 Craig Pozega, Great West Engineering
00:15:57 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
00:16:35 Larry Watson, Gallatin County
00:17:33 Randy Johnston, City of Three Forks

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:24 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON MANHATTAN:

00:19:15 Mr. Edgcomb
00:19:59 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:03 Tony Haag, Mayor of the Town of Manhattan
00:23:39 Wayne Deboo, Thomas, Dean, and Hoskins
00:24:38 Mr. Edgcomb
00:25:26 Mr. Watson

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:20 Sen. Barkus
00:26:36 Mr. Haag
00:26:58 Rep. Kasten
00:27:07 Mr. Edgcomb

PRESENTATION ON CUTBANK:

00:27:47 Mr. Edgcomb
00:28:28 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:10 Mr. Aune

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:22 Rep. Brueggeman
00:33:41 Mr. Aune
00:35:32 Rep. Kasten
00:35:46 Mr. Aune
00:36:13 Rep. Brueggeman
00:36:20 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON WHITEHALL:

00:37:10 Mr. Edgcomb
00:38:09 Bob Fischer, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:15 Jerry Ward, Whitehall Public Works
00:40:37 Fred Phillips, Great West Engineering/Whitehall
Resident
00:45:18 Mr. Aune

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:42 Sen. Cooney
00:48:03 Mr. Phillips

PRESENTATION ON HAMILTON:

00:48:50 Mr. Edgcomb
00:50:01 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:50 Steve Green, City of Hamilton
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a04\)](#)
00:56:47 Dan Harmon, Hamilton Engineer

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:10 Sen. Barkus
00:59:45 Mr. Green
01:01:20 Sen. Barkus
01:01:34 Mr. Green
01:02:51 Sen. Barkus
01:02:58 Mr. Green

PRESENTATION ON GALLATIN COUNTY:

01:03:50 Mr. Edgcomb
01:04:34 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:15 Mr. Watson
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a06\)](#)
01:09:51 Mr. Aune

01:14:03 John Carstensen, Hebgen Lake Technical Advisory
Committee
01:15:36 Rep. Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:21 Sen. Barkus
01:16:51 Mr. Aune
01:17:38 Sen. Barkus
01:17:45 Ms. Duncan
01:17:52 Ms. Miller

PRESENTATION ON SHELBY:

01:18:51 Mr. Edgcomb
01:19:32 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:00 Larry Bonderud, Mayor of Shelby
01:21:15 Mr. Deboo

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:51 Sen. Cooney
01:24:01 Mr. Bonderud
01:24:21 Rep. Kasten
01:24:57 Mr. Edgcomb

PRESENTATION ON WHITEFISH:

01:25:35 Mr. Edgcomb
01:26:19 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:05 Paul Montgomery, Anderson-Montgomery Engineering
01:32:19 John Wilson, Whitefish Public Works

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:28 Rep. Kasten
01:34:52 Mr. Montgomery

01:35:57 Sen. Barkus
01:36:13 Mr. Wilson
01:37:54 Rep. Kasten
01:38:12 Mr. Montgomery

PRESENTATION ON PANORAMIC MOUNTAIN RIVER HEIGHTS:

01:38:41 Mr. Edgcomb
1:39:13 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:05 Earl Hauts
01:43:10 Shawn Bryant, Great West Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:42 Rep. Kasten
01:46:18 Mr. Bryant
01:46:56 Rep. Kasten
01:48:08 Mr. Bryant
01:48:19 Sen. Barkus
01:48:43 Mr. Aune

PRESENTATION ON BRADY COUNTY:

01:49:52 Mr. Edgcomb
01:50:48 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:32 Gladis Thaut, Brady County Water & Sewer District
EXHIBIT (j1h10a07)
01:56:12 Rep. Llew Jones, HD 27, Conrad
01:58:14 Mr. Deboo
02:00:14 Barb Kaufmann, Brady County Wastewater

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: none.

PRESENTATION ON ELK MEADOWS RANCHETTES:

02:01:25 Mr. Edgcomb
02:02:10 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:02:51 Scott Anderson, Anderson-Montgomery Engineering

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a08\)](#)

02:09:01 Bill Wodrich, Resident of Elk Meadows

02:10:35 Ron Shipley, Elk Meadows

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:14 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON POLSON:

02:13:30 Mr. Edgcomb

02:14:12 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:38 Jules Clavadetscher, Mayor of the City of Polson

02:18:44 Tony Porrazzo, Polson Water and Sewer

02:19:48 Mr. Anderson

02:23:45 Rep. Brueggeman

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:30 Sen. Barkus

02:25:15 Mr. Edgcomb

02:27:28 Sen. Barkus

02:27:56 Mr. Cloud

02:28:59 Mr. Anderson

02:29:45 Sen. Brueggeman

PRESENTATION ON DARBY:

02:31:08 Mr. Edgcomb

02:32:38 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:32 Rick Sheele, Mayor of Darby

02:42:45 Brad Koon, Jackson Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: none.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:45:04 Rep. Kasten

Discussion:

02:45:14 Mr. Edgcomb

02:45:48 Rep. Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

02:46:56 Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a09\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT \(j1h10aad.pdf\)](#)