

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Rob Cook, on January 14, 2013 at 8:04 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rob Cook, Chair (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning

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, 1/8/2013; HB 11, 1/8/2013

00:19:29 Chair Cook

Renewable Resource Grant Program (RRGL), Introduction

00:20:20 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:22:50 Sen. Ripley arrived.

00:23:52 Sen. Sesso arrived.

00:30:20 Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Conservation and Resource Development Division, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh06a01)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a02)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a03)

00:37:38 Ray Beck, Division Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh06a04)

00:41:01 Chair Cook

00:41:09 Mr. Beck, DNRC

00:41:15 Tim Davis, Administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC

00:44:10 Pam Smith, Program Manager, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program, Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh06a05)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a06)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a07)

00:45:38 Chair Cook

00:45:45 Ms. Smith, DNRC

00:54:52 Ms. Stanley, DNRC

00:57:22 Chair Cook

Questions and Answers from the Committee:

00:57:28 Chair Cook

00:57:44 Ms. Stanley, DNRC

00:58:07 Ms. Stanley, DNRC

00:59:20 Chair Cook

00:59:35 Ms. Smith, DNRC

01:00:15 Chair Cook

01:00:18 Sen. Sesso

01:01:10 Mr. Beck, DNRC

01:01:52 Sen. Sesso

01:03:11 Mr. Beck, DNRC

01:04:13 Sen. Lewis

01:05:11 Mr. Beck, DNRC

01:05:31 Ms. Smith, DNRC

01:06:40 Sen. Sesso

01:08:12 Ms. Smith, DNRC

01:08:46 Sen. Sesso

01:08:55 Chair Cook

01:09:04 Mr. Beck, DNRC

01:09:32 Chair Cook

01:09:36 Sen. Sesso

01:11:09 Chair Cook

01:11:21 Mr. Beck, DNRC

01:11:49 Chair Cook

HB 6, Fiscal Analysis

01:12:24 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a08)

01:16:09 Chair Cook

HEARING ON HB 11

01:16:22 Meg O' Leary, Director, Montana Department of Commerce (COMM)

01:19:51 Kelly Lynch, Administrator, Community Development Division, and Legal Counsel,
COMM

EXHIBIT(jlh06a09)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a10)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a11)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a12)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a13)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a14)

EXHIBIT(jlh06a15)

01:35:32 Chair Cook

Questions and Answers from the Committee:

01:35:46 Sen. Lewis

01:36:30 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:37:54 Chair Cook

01:38:26 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:38:31 Chair Cook

01:38:48 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:39:34 Chair Cook

01:40:13 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:40:36 Chair Cook

01:40:42 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:40:45 Chair Cook

01:41:22 Sen. Sesso

01:41:53 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:41:58 Sen. Sesso

01:42:50 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:43:53 Sen. Sesso

01:44:40 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:44:45 Sen. Sesso

01:45:48 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:45:58 Sen. Sesso

01:46:07 Chair Cook

01:46:54 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:47:19 Chair Cook

01:47:49 Ms. Lynch, COMM

01:48:08 Chair Cook

HB 11, Fiscal Analysis

01:48:19 Ms. Duncan, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jlh06a16\)](#)

01:49:32 Chair Cook

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:38 Sen. Ripley

01:49:49 Ms. Duncan, LFD

01:50:26 Sen. Ripley

01:50:37 Ms. Duncan, LFD

01:51:39 Chair Cook

01:51:43 Sen. Sesso

01:52:04 Ms. Duncan, LFD

01:52:51 Chair Cook

Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) & Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Projects 2011-2013 Biennium Project Hearings

Eureka Rural Development, Wastewater Expansion Project

01:53:12 Tracy McIntyre, Executive Director, Eureka Rural Development, Wastewater Expansion Project

01:55:23 Chair Cook

01:55:30 Rep. Mike Cuffe, HD 2

01:56:31 Sen. Sesso

01:56:36 Rep. Cuffe

Deer Lodge, Lagoon System Mechanical Treatment Plant

01:56:50 Mary Ann Fraley, Mayor, Deer Lodge

[EXHIBIT\(jlh06a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh06a18\)](#)

Questions and Answers from the Committee:

02:03:09 Sen. Lewis

02:03:30 Chair Cook

Lockwood Water & Sewer District

02:03:40 Gary Forrester, Lockwood Water and Sewer District

02:06:57 Chair Cook

02:10:39 Recessed

02:22:28 Reconvened

02:22:35 Chair Cook

Big Fork Water and Sewer District

02:23:00 Julie Spencer, District Manager, Big Fork Water and Sewer District

Questions and Answers from the Committee:

02:27:57 Chair Cook

02:28:16 Ms. Spencer

02:28:26 Rep. Glimm
02:28:46 Ms. Spencer
02:29:02 Denise Hanson, Morrison and Maierle Engineering
02:29:44 Chair Cook
02:30:04 Ms. Hanson
02:30:12 Chair Cook
02:30:32 Ms. Lynch, COMM
02:31:52 Chair Cook
02:32:06 Ms. Lynch, COMM
02:32:16 Chair Cook

02:33:02 Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:33:12 Rep. Rob Chair Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

02:35:05 Chair Cook

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:35:15 Rep. Steve Gibson (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure state endowment program.

02:36:15 Chair Cook
02:36:20 Rep. Gibson
EXHIBIT(jlh06a19)
02:36:23 Chair Cook
02:36:29 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:37:44 Chair Cook
02:37:50 Ms. Johnson, LSD
02:37:53 Chair Cook
02:38:04 Ms. Duncan, LFD
02:38:38 Chair Cook
02:39:07 Cary Hergerberg, President, Montana Construction Association
02:43:10 Jeff Teberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

02:43:35 Chair Cook
02:43:39 Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator, Ruby Watershed Conservation District

02:46:17 Chair Cook
02:46:29 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:46:40 Chair Cook

South Wind Water and Sewer District

02:47:31 Don Feist, South Wind Water and Sewer District
 02:48:45 Ron Lorenz, Chairman, South Wind Water and Sewer District

EXHIBIT(jlh06a20)

02:51:50 Penny Stevens, South Wind Water and Sewer District
 02:52:32 Chair Cook
 02:52:36 Ms. Stevens
 02:52:54 Chair Cook
 02:53:02 Sen. Mitch Tropila, SD 12
 02:53:52 Rep. Tom Jacobson HD 25, and Executive Director, Rural Dynamics; and Board of Directors, Neighbor Works Montana

 02:55:56 Chair Cook
 02:55:59 Rep. Brian Hoven, HD 24
 02:56:25 Chair Cook
 02:56:40 Ms. Smith, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh06a21)**County Craig Sewer and Water District, Lewis and Clark County**

02:57:18 Christopher Goodman, Craig Water and Sewer District
 02:59:57 Sen. Lewis
 03:00:18 Chair Cook
 03:00:24 Sen. Lewis
 03:00:41 Mr. Goodman

03:01:31 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Forsyth Wastewater Improvement

03:01:53 Brad Matteson, Mayor, Forsyth
 03:02:54 Chair Cook
 03:03:01 Mr. Matteson
 03:03:05 Alan Erickson, Engineer, Morrison and Maierle

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:04:02 Chair Cook
 03:04:12 Mr. Erickson
 03:04:32 Rep. Duane Ankney, HD 43
 03:05:01 Chair Cook
 03:05:11 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 03:05:18 Chair Cook

03:05:36 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Alberton, Waste Water Project

03:05:57 Joshua Acker, Mayor, Alberton
 03:10:49 Chair Cook
 03:10:53 Mr. Acker
 03:11:06 Chair Cook
 03:11:14 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer, HD 4
 03:11:45 Chair Cook

03:12:04 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Richland County, Savage Wastewater

03:12:20 Chair Cook

03:12:30 Ms. Smith, DNRC

03:12:38 Chair Cook

03:12:48 Loren Young, Commissioner, Richland County

EXHIBIT(jlh06a22)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:16:41 Chair Cook

03:17:04 Sandy Kuft, Arrowcreek

03:17:24 Chair Cook

03:17:31 Mr. Young

03:17:39 Chair Cook

Richland County, Savage Wastewater

03:17:53 Rep. David Halvorson, HD 37

03:18:36 Chair Cook

03:18:41 Sen Matthew Rosendale, SD 19

03:20:09 Chair Cook

Miles City Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2

03:20:25 Rep Bill McChesney, HD 40

03:21:31 Chair Cook

03:21:37 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Dawson County, Glendive

03:21:59 Rep. Allan Doane, HD 38

03:22:50 Chair Cook

03:22:57 Craig Pozega, Dawson County Commissioners and Great Western Engineering

03:24:24 Chair Cook

EXHIBIT(jlh06a23)

03:24:38 Mr. Pozega

03:24:45 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Fort Benton

03:25:06 Michelle Turville, Bear Paw Development Corporation and City of Fort Benton

03:25:46 Rick Morris, Mayor, Fort Benton

03:27:47 Chair Cook

03:27:52 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Vaughn Cascade Water & Sewer District

03:28:17 Chair Cook

03:28:23 Roy Curtis, Vaughn Water and Sewer District

03:30:24 Chair Cook

03:30:30 Mr. Curtis

03:30:33 Chair Cook

03:30:43 George Duffy, Board Member, Vaughn Water and Sewer District Board

03:31:50 Chair Cook

03:31:57 Rep. Bob Mehlhoff, HD 26

03:33:02 Sen Ed Buttrey, SD 13
03:33:35 Chair Cook

03:33:48 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Valier Wastewater System Improvements

03:34:05 Chair Cook
03:34:14 McKenzie Graye, Mayor, Town of Valier
03:35:22 Craig Nowak, Project Manager, Morrison and Maierle
03:36:43 Becky Beard, Grant Writer, Town of Valier
03:37:28 Sen. Sesso returned.
03:38:12 Chair Cook

City of Cut Bank

03:38:26 Chair Cook

EXHIBIT(jlh06a24)

03:39:54 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering

03:40:05 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Glendive Wastewater Treatment System

03:40:31 Jerry Jimison, Mayor, Glendive
03:45:40 Chair Cook
03:45:46 Bob Gilbert, Glendive and Dawson County

03:46:12 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Town of Belt Wastewater System Improvements

03:46:35 Sen. Brad Hamlett, SD 10
03:49:21 Chair Cook

03:49:25 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Harlowton

03:49:44 Jeff Sell, Mayor, Harlowton

03:53:10 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Town of Winnett

03:53:29 Nancy Cormier, Morrison and Maierle Engineers

EXHIBIT(jlh06a25)

03:56:21 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Boulder Wastewater System improvements

03:56:32 Gary Craft, Mayor, Boulder
03:57:23 Rick Streib, City Administrator, Boulder

EXHIBIT(jlh06a26)

03:58:45 Mr. Craft
04:01:07 Alan Erickson, Morrison and Maierle Engineers
04:02:14 Mr. Craft

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

04:02:28 Chair Cook
04:02:35 Sen. Sesso
04:03:02 Mr. Streib

04:03:43 Ms. Smith, DNRC
04:04:02 Sen. Sesso
04:04:20 Ms. Lynch, COMM
04:04:37 Sen. Sesso
04:04:59 Chair Cook
04:05:03 Ms. Lynch, COMM
04:05:10 Sen. Sesso
04:05:12 Sen. Ripley
04:05:26 Ms. Lynch, COMM

EXHIBIT(jlh06a27)

04:05:46 Chair Cook

White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Improvements Project - Phase 1

04:05:58 Paul Montgomery

EXHIBIT(jlh06a28)

04:10:12 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Three Forks Wastewater System Improvements

04:10:31 Gene Townsend, Mayor, Three Forks

04:13:25 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Libby Flower Creek Dam Water System Improvements

04:13:45 Ryan Jones, Engineer

04:16:59 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Town of Dutton Water System Improvements

04:17:05 Lanny Christman, Councilman, Dutton

04:20:27 Chair Cook

04:20:53 Ms. Smith, DNRC

City of Choteau

04:21:47 Chair Cook

04:22:02 Sen. Rick Ripley, SD 9

04:22:40 Chair Cook

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 04:23:12

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh06aad.pdf](#))