

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Rob Cook, on January 17, 2013 at 8:02 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
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, 1/10/2013

PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:23:10 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the meeting on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.
- 00:23:30 Pam Smith, Conservation and Resource Development Department, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)
- 00:24:08 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
- 00:24:55 Chair Cook
- 00:25:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
- 00:26:36 Ms. Smith, DNRC
- EXHIBIT(jlh09a01)**
- 00:26:40 Sen Ripley arrived.

Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District, Racetrack Water Users Association Water Efficiency and Energy Conservation Project - Phase 1

- 00:27:10 Molly Skorpik, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:30:03 Sen. Lewis
- 00:30:45 Chair Cook

Clinton Irrigation District, Clark Fork Diversion Rehabilitation Project

- 00:30:56 Ms. Smith, DNRC
- 00:31:04 Chair Cook
- EXHIBIT(jlh09a02)**
- 00:31:17 Robert Neihart, Clinton Irrigation District (CID)
- EXHIBIT(jlh09a03)**
- 00:33:20 Chair Cook

Beaverhead County Conservation District, Swamp Creek Siphon Project

- 00:33:29 Ms. Smith, DNRC
- 00:33:46 J. S. Turner, Beaverhead Conservation District, Big Hole Watershed (BCD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:36:02 Sen. Ripley
- 00:36:17 Mr. Turner, BCD
- 00:36:34 Sen. Ripley
- 00:36:45 Jim Magee, Biologist, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
- 00:37:26 Sen. Ripley
- 00:37:30 Mr. Turner, BCD

Malta Irrigation Project, Dodson South Canal Head Gate Replacement Project

- 00:37:58 Ms. Smith, DNRC
- 00:38:07 Tara Kaufman, Malta Irrigation District (MID)
- EXHIBIT(jlh09a04)**
- 00:40:05 Erling Juel, TD& H Engineering and MID

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:54 Chair Cook
 00:41:58 Mr. Juel, TD&H
 00:42:36 Chair Cook
 00:42:40 Mr. Juel, TD&H

Bitterroot Irrigation District, BRID Siphon 1 - Phase 4 Improvements Project

00:42:52 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 00:43:09 Matt Barnes, Bitterroot Irrigation and Morrison & Maierle, Missoula
 00:45:35 Chair Cook
 00:45:50 John Crowley, Manager, Bitterroot Irrigation District (BID)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a05\)](#)**Ward Irrigation District, Ward Irrigation District Lost Horse Creek/Ward Canal Improvements**

00:47:33 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 00:47:52 Ms. Skopik, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
 00:50:03 Chair Cook
 00:50:40 Cody Lee, Chair, Ward Irrigation District Commission
 00:51:38 Ron Porter, Commissioner, Ward Irrigation District (WID)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:56 Chair Cook
 00:53:02 Mr. Porter, WID
 00:53:07 Chair Cook
 00:53:18 Dan Dunnigan, District Water Commissioner, WID

Lockwood Irrigation District, Lockwood ID Intake Canal Headgate Replacement Project

00:53:51 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 00:54:06 Scott Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a06\)](#)**Sweet Grass County Conservation District, Pioneer Ditch Company Irrigation Diversion Rehabilitation Project**

00:56:27 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 00:56:49 Dan Rostad, Sweet Grass County Conservation District, Watershed Group
 Coordinator (Sweet Grass CD)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a07\)](#)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:24 Rep. Glimm
 00:59:43 Mr. Rostad, Sweet Grass CD
 01:00:25 Chair Cook
 01:00:30 Mr. Rostad, Sweet Grass CD
 01:00:34 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 01:01:16 Chair Cook

Glen Lake Irrigation District, Glen Lake Irrigation District Rolling Hills Section of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project

01:01:27 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:01:51 Steve Curtiss, Glen Lake Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh09a08)

01:04:51 Chair Cook

Helena Valley Irrigation, Helena Valley ID Pump Automation Project

01:05:03 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:05:15 Chair Cook
01:05:24 Mr. Neihart, CID
01:05:43 Jim Foster, Manager, Helena Valley Irrigation District (HVID)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a09)

01:08:30 Chair Cook
01:08:34 Sen. Lewis
01:09:24 Chair Cook

Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 1, Buffalo Rapids1 Lateral 20.6 Conversion Project

01:09:36 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:09:50 Mr. Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering

EXHIBIT(jlh09a10)

01:12:18 Sen Matthew Rosendale, SD 19
01:14:15 Chair Cook

Fort Peck Tribes, Fort Peck Tribes Phase 2 Lateral L-2M Rehabilitation Project

01:14:36 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:14:52 Mr Aspenlieder, BRID

EXHIBIT(jlh09a11)

01:16:40 Chair Cook
01:16:44 Mr Aspenlieder, BRID
01:16:48 Chair Cook

Frenchtown Irrigation District, Frenchtown Irrigation District: Main Canal Lining Project

01:16:57 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:17:11 Mr. Barnes, Frenchtown Irrigation District (FID) and Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:03 Rep. Glimm
01:20:21 Mr. Barnes, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
01:20:55 Sen. Lewis
01:21:09 Mr. Barnes, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
01:21:16 Sen. Lewis
01:21:30 Mr. Barnes, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
01:21:33 Sen. Lewis
01:21:36 Mr. Barnes, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting

Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District, Kohrs and Manning Ditch Company Infrastructure Improvements

01:21:46 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:22:02 Russ Anderson, Engineer, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting, Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District (DLVCD)
01:25:35 Sen. Sesso arrived.
01:26:10 William McDowell, DLVCD

Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2, Buffalo Rapids 2 Terry Pump Station Discharge Plan

01:27:57 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:28:16 Mr. Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering

EXHIBIT(jlh09a12)

01:30:38 Chair Cook

Daly Ditches Irrigation District, Daly Ditches Irrigation District Preservation and Conservation of Resources

01:30:52 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:31:09 Ms. Skopik, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
01:33:00 Chair Cook
01:33:03 Ms. Skopik, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting
01:33:09 Chair Cook
01:33:14 Paul Bartei, Manager, Daly Ditches Irrigation District (DDID)

Toston Irrigation District, Toston ID Toston Canal Rehabilitation Project

01:34:07 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:34:22 Shawn Higley, Engineer, Toston Irrigation District (TID)
01:34:49 Franklin Slifka, TID

EXHIBIT(jlh09a13)

01:38:22 Chair Cook
01:38:26 Rep Kelly Flynn, HD 68
01:39:46 Chair Cook
01:39:49 Rep. Flynn

Missoula County Conservation District, Missoula County Conservation District Orchard Homes Ditch Company Intake Improvement Project

01:40:02 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:40:18 Mr. Barnes, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting

Missoula Irrigation District, Missoula Irrigation District Water Conservation Project

01:44:14 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:44:28 Ms. Skopik, Morrison Maierle Engineering and Consulting

Fort Belknap Indian Community, Ft. Belknap Main Canal A Underdrain Rehabilitation Project

01:47:45 Ms. Smith, DNRC
01:48:02 Mr. Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering

EXHIBIT(jlh09a14)

01:50:05 Chair Cook
01:50:07 Mr. Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering
01:50:11 Chair Cook
01:50:13 Mr. Aspenlieder, WWC Engineering

**Pondera County Conservation District, Pondera County Cana land Reservoir Company
KB2 Canal Rehabilitation Project**

01:50:24 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 01:50:42 Paul Jones, Supervisor, Pondera Waters Users and Pondera County
 Conservation District
 01:51:13 Mr. Neihart, Pondera County Conservation District (PCCD)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a15)

01:52:45 Sen. Sesso
 01:53:16 Mr. Neihart, PCCD
 01:53:43 Sen. Sesso
 01:53:45 Mr. Neihart, PCCD
 01:54:03 Sen. Sesso
 01:54:15 Mr. Neihart, PCCD
 01:54:22 Chair Cook
 01:54:28 Mr. Neihart, PCCD
 01:54:35 Sen. Sesso
 01:55:34 Mr. Neihart, PCCD
 01:55:37 Sen. Sesso
 01:56:19 Chair Cook

Greenfield Irrigation District, Muddy Creek Wastewater and Erosion Reduction

01:56:43 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 01:56:59 Bob Hardin, Manager, Greenfield Irrigation District (GID)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:01 Chair Cook
 01:58:17 Mr. Hardin, GID

Jefferson Valley Conservation District, Jefferson Canal Headgate Improvements

01:58:40 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 01:58:55 Jim Miller, Board of Directors, Jefferson Canal Company

**Lower Musselshell County Conservation District, East Brewer Irrigation Check
Structure Rehabilitation and Southside Canal Lining**

02:00:09 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 02:00:33 Lynn Rettig, Manager of Delphi-Melstone Canals, Musselshell River

Fort Shaw Irrigation District, Fort Shaw ID A-System Modification

02:04:23 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 02:04:40 Rich Boyle, Fort Shaw Irrigation District (FSID)

EXHIBIT(jlh09a16)

02:06:43 Mr. Juel, TD&H
 02:11:33 Chair Cook

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:38 Sen. Ripley
 02:12:56 Ms. Smith, DNRC
 02:14:17 Chair Cook
 02:14:20 Sen. Ripley
 02:14:39 Mr. Boyle, FSID

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02:15:29 Sen. Ripley
02:15:42 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:15:50 Chair Cook
02:15:54 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:16:03 Chair Cook
02:16:05 Todd Koick, Sun River Watershed Group (SRW)
02:17:59 Chair Cook
02:18:04 Mr. Koick, SRW
02:18:05 Chair Cook
02:18:07 Mr. Koick, SRW
02:18:16 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
02:18:29 Chair Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:33 Rep. Cook

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:21:14

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh09aad.pdf](#))