

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on February 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee 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 434, 2/9/2015; HJ 13, 2/9/2015; SJ 5, 2/9/2015

00:00:08 Chairman White  
00:01:40 Chairman Fitzpatrick

### HEARING ON HJ 13

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:05 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:02 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana  
00:10:32 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
00:11:41 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use, Walleyes Unlimited Montana  
00:13:46 Patrick McCain, self  
00:15:00 Rod Bullis, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah31a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:28 Rep. Williams  
00:19:42 Rep. White  
00:20:39 Rep. Williams  
00:21:18 Rep. White  
00:22:12 Rep. Williams  
00:22:23 Rep. White  
00:22:58 Rep. Williams  
00:23:14 Rep. White  
00:23:18 Rep. Bob Brown  
00:24:20 Rep. White  
00:26:55 Rep. Dunwell  
00:27:18 Rep. White  
00:29:02 Rep. Dunwell  
00:29:44 Rep. White  
00:31:18 Rep. Dunwell  
00:31:33 Rep. White  
00:31:48 Rep. Williams  
00:33:18 Rep. White  
00:35:39 Rep. Williams  
00:35:58 Rep. White  
00:36:07 Rep. Williams  
00:36:42 Rep. White

00:37:37 Rep. Williams

00:37:43 Rep. White

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:52 Rep. White

**HEARING ON SJ 5**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:38 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 5, Study future water rights administration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:47 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

00:45:59 Holly Franz, PPL Montana, AGAI

00:46:34 Rep. Staffanson arrived

00:47:03 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:47:51 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:54 Tim Davis, DNRC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:19 Rep. Williams

00:50:19 Sen. Vincent

00:51:56 Rep. Williams

00:52:26 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

00:52:48 Rep. Williams

00:53:01 Rep. Olsen

00:53:33 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:53 Sen. Vincent

00:56:35 Chairman White

**HEARING ON HB 434**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:56:43 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 434, Revise asbestos laws.

00:59:45 Rep. Court arrived

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:01:28 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
01:06:14 Ed Thamke, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:29 Rep. Regier  
01:08:02 Rep. Lieser  
01:08:21 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
01:09:24 Rep. Regier  
01:09:41 Ed Thamke, DEQ  
01:10:44 Rep. Zach Brown  
01:11:17 Chairman White  
01:12:03 Rep. Zach Brown  
01:12:09 Rep. Dunwell  
01:13:36 Ed Thamke, DEQ  
01:15:12 Rep. Dunwell  
01:15:37 Rep. Lieser  
01:15:48 Rep. Williams  
01:17:01 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:17:32 Chairman White  
01:18:03 Rep. Bennett arrived  
01:18:16 Ed Thamke, DEQ  
01:19:39 Chairman White  
01:20:35 Rep. Lieser  
01:21:07 Chairman White  
01:22:02 Rep. Lieser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:22:29 Rep. Lieser

01:23:14 Chairman White

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:26:20      Adjournment

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah31aad.pdf](#))**