

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on January 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, 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:**

Organizational Meeting

**Introductions of Committee and Staff**

00:02:20 Chairman Brown  
00:03:22 Sen. Hoven  
00:04:06 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:05:16 Sen. Hansen  
00:05:39 Sen. Cohenour  
00:07:12 Sen. Swandal  
00:08:04 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:09:19 Sen. Caferro  
00:10:03 Sen. Howard  
00:11:33 Sen. Wolken  
00:12:22 Sen. Moore  
00:14:12 Chairman Brown  
  
00:15:01 Chairman Brown introduced Bobby Lavinder, committee aide, and Taylor Fridrich, committee secretary  
  
00:15:37 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
  
00:15:59 Sen. Caferro  
00:16:18 Chairman Brown

**Guest Presenter**

00:17:57 Ron de Yong, director, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)  
[EXHIBIT\(ags02a01\)](#)

**Questions from the Committee**

00:45:08 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:46:36 Mr. de Yong, DOA  
00:46:55 Chairman Brown  
00:46:58 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:47:31 Mr. de Yong  
00:49:45 Chairman Brown

**Committee Administrative Matters**

00:51:15 Chairman Brown  
00:51:59 Ms. O'Connell, LSD  
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00:54:06 Chairman Brown  
00:54:30 Ms. O'Connell  
00:58:27 Chairman Brown  
00:59:53 Ms. O'Connell

01:00:56 Chairman Brown

01:02:04 Ms. O'Connell

01:02:17 Chairman Brown

01:02:32 Ms. O'Connell

01:04:27 Chairman Brown

01:04:37 Ms. O'Connell

01:04:56 Chairman Brown

01:05:26 Ms. O'Connell

01:06:07 Chairman Brown

01:06:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved **TO ADOPT** the draft committee rules. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:08:35 Chairman Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:14 PM

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Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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