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Interim Budget Committee Section C Natural Resources and Transportation Agenda March 13, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Roll Call
- 8:35 a.m. Legislative Audit Division Introduction, Jeremy Verhasselt
- 8:45 a.m. Petroleum Tank Clean-up Fund
- HB 868 Required Reports
 - Audit Review
- 9:45 a.m. Joint meeting with Section F Long-Range Planning
- Milk River/St. Mary's – DNRC & Joint Milk River Board of Control
- History of the project & overview of its location/components, Jennifer Patrick, JMRBOC
 - Identification of stakeholders & cost share with state/federal/municipal/irrigators/tribe
 - Overview of projects & current funding needed
 - Ability to pay study – findings
 - HB 6 funding overview & current status, DNRC
 - Federal funding – Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act funding & current status of Fort Belknap water rights settlement, DNRC
 - Committee questions
- 10:45 Break, section reconvene in room 422
- 11:00 Section C Summary, LFD Staff

- 11:30 p.m. Department of Agriculture
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - Public Comment
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, lunch will be provided for all legislators.
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - HB 883 update
 - Good Neighbor Authority Update, Agency
 - Drought update and fire forecast
 - Public Comment
- 1:45 p.m. Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - HB 868 required reports
 - Fishing Access, Weed Control, and Riparian Habitat HB 2 Report
 - Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division, Base Funding Discussion
 - Public Comment
- 2:30 a.m. Department of Environmental Quality
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - Public Comment
- 3:15 p.m. Department of Livestock
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - Brucellosis, Chronic Wasting Disease Update, Agency
 - Diagnostic Laboratory Update, Agency
 - Public Comment
- 4:00 p.m. Department of Transportation
- Quarterly report for 2023, LFD Staff
 - Agency Comments, Agency
 - Public Comment

4:45 p.m.

Committee Discussion

5:00 p.m.

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