

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 25 House Office Building

February 5, 2014

Members Present: Sen. David Hinkins, Co-Chair
Rep. John G. Mathis, Co-Chair
Rep. Mike McKell, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. John L. Valentine
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Jerry Anderson
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Jon Cox
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Brian Greene
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

Staff: Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Angela Oh, Economist
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Vice Chair McKell called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. Utah State Fair Park

Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, conveyed the Governor's strong support for the state fair program and commented on the importance of working in a collaborative partnership with other entities to look at what can be done to maintain the long-term viability of the state fair. It is the Governor's hope to strengthen the State Fair Board of Directors and enhance communication and coordination between the executive branch and the board.

2. Agency Requested Legislative Intent, Federal Funds, Fee, and New Funding

Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, advised the subcommittee that over the next four meetings they will have the opportunity to hear requests for funding, intent language, federal fund increases, fees, and fee changes for the agencies. Materials for the requests can be accessed online by going to this committee on the Legislature's website and clicking on "meeting materials" for this date. Mr. Djambov provided clarification of the documents, "Intent Language, Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations (SB0003), Section 1" and "Issue Brief, 2014 General Session, Federal Funds Request Summary for State FY 2015."

Angela Oh, Economist, discussed the document "Consolidated Fee Changes Summary,"

clarifying the differences between "old fee" and "new fee." She pointed out that the document shows fee changes only, not the entire fee schedule. The complete listing of fees can be found in today's "meeting materials," "Issue Brief - 2014 General Session - Fee Changes Report, NRAE."

3. Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Mr. Brian Cottam, State Forester and Director, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, assisted by Roger Lewis, Financial Manager, introduced members of the division in attendance. Through a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Cottam addressed fees, federal funds, 2013 building blocks, intent language, and then provided an in-depth explanation of the 2014 building block requests.

4. Division of Wildlife Resources

Mr. Djambov reviewed the three documents for this meeting. Focusing on the Division of Wildlife Resources, he addressed fees, federal funds request summary, and intent language.

Sen. Hinkins assumed the chair.

Greg Sheehan, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources, discussed a PowerPoint presentation in which he provided clarification on intent language, the variety of funding sources from federal funds, and proposed hunting and fishing fee changes. Mr. Sheehan suggested increased funds from fee changes be used to: raise employee wages, cover motor pool increases, deal with the rise in urban wildlife issues, and ensure hatchery production.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to adjourn. Sen. Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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