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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING**

Friday, 19 March 2021 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM
Maseko, LM
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N (Additional Member)

Apology

Marais, PJ, Freedom Front Plus

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture

Dr I Meyer, Minister
Ms M van Jaarsveld, Head of Ministry

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development Support Services
Mr F Huysamer, Chief Financial Officer
Ms R Wentzel, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Dr G Masiya, Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Dr I Trautman, Chief Director - Research and Technology Development Services
Ms H Rodkin, Chief Director - Structured Agricultural Education and Training
Ms B Matoti, Director - Agricultural Economic Services

Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning and Strategy
Mr J Arries, Acting Chief Director - Rural Development
Ms D Zana, Deputy Director - Management Accounting

Casidra

Mr Freek van Zyl - Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

WCPP Officials

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr C Esau, Senior Information Technology and Architecture Officer

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister of Agriculture, the Head of Department and the Departmental officials.

2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2021]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2021].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress expressed a minority view that it had concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2021]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report which was considered and adopted.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would undertake an oversight visit to Elsenburg to observe the:

- 4.1.1 Drone Project as part of the Fourth Industrial Revolution; and
- 4.1.2 Battery Infrastructure Project for energy storage when completed.

4.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provides it with:

- 4.2.1 A list of emerging farmers that have been assisted during the 2020/21 financial year in terms of the commodity approach for land equity scheme beneficiaries and other such programmes within the Department; and
- 4.2.2 A copy of the advertisement that was placed in print publications in terms of the Covid-19 Support Programme for farmers and, at a later stage, a list of the farmers who were assisted.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, the Head of Department as well as the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 15:52.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
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Date:24 March 2021.....