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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, 31 August 2021 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Alternate)
Bartman, DM
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Smith, D (Alternate)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

GOOD

Herron, BN

Apologies

Marran, P, Member - ANC
Maseko, LM, Member - DA
Bredell, A, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Van Zyl, P, Head of Department

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Ms K Shippey, Chief Director - Environmental Sustainability
Ms M Laros, Director - Biodiversity and Coastal Management

CapeNature

Dr R Omar, Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Birss, Executive Director - Biodiversity Conservation
Mr B Barnes, General Manager
Mr D Hignett, Capability Manager

Department of Agriculture

Dr I Trautmann, Chief Director - Research and Technology Development Services
Dr S Midgley, Scientist - Climate Change and Risk Assessment

South African Local Government Association

Mr L Njamela, Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic

Department of the Premier Legal Services

Mr L van der Schyff, State Law Advisor

Media

Ms K Engel, Journalist - The Cape Argus

WCPP Officials

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Advisor
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed the members of the Committee and the officials and explained the rules of engagement for virtual conferencing. The Chairperson provided the meeting with a summary of the process followed by the Committee thus far in respect of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021].

2. Discussion on submissions received in respect of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021]

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provided the Committee with a detailed Matrix containing all comments received, the respective responses to these comments as well as proposed amendments to specific clauses in terms of the Bill.

Due to the number of submissions received and the detailed presentation on the submissions, the Committee was not able to conclude its discussion within the time allotted for the meeting and agreed that this discussion be continued at its next meeting on 14 September 2021. Similarly, Committee documentation that was scheduled to be considered and adopted in the meeting, were deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 16:05.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date:14 September 2021.....