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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, 9 November 2021 (at 09:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Additional Member)
Bartman, DM
Maseko, LM
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Smith, D (Alternate Member)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

Apologies:

Mr P Marran, Member - African National Congress
Dr D Troskie, Department of Agriculture, Director - Business Planning and Strategy

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture
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
Dr H Ngwenya, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development

Ms R Wentzel, Chief Director – Operational Support Services
Dr I Trautmann, Chief Director – Research and Technology Development Services
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Management
Dr G Msiza: Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Ms H Rodkin: Chief Director - Structured Agricultural Education and Training
Ms B Matoti: Director - Agricultural Economic Services
Mr J Aries, Director - Farmer Support and Development
Mr M van Aswegen, Manager - Financial Accounting

Casidra

Prof J Kirsten, Chairperson of the Board
Mr S Symington, Chief Executive Officer
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer
Mr D Nefdt, Chief Officer - Projects
Ms L Seconds, Human Resources Manager
Mr E Matshediso, Public Relations and Communication Manager
Mr D Manuel, Manager - Amalienstein and Waaikraal

WCPP Officials

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department, Chairperson of the Casidra Board, and the departmental officials.

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Casidra (2020/21)

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges in the 2020/21 financial year.

The Chairperson of the Casidra Board and the Chief Executive Officer provided the same for Casidra.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its entity, Casidra.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department provides it with:

- 3.1. A regional breakdown of the location of food gardens and community food gardens in the Western Cape with specific reference to the types of challenges experienced per region, the

manner of reporting on the status of these food gardens, the measures in place as well as the acceptable threshold percentage to ensure sustainability; and

- 3.2 A report on the transfer of conditional grants to the Western Cape by the National Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform for the last five years indicating the respective dates on which the transfers were made and the effect of delays in receiving the conditional grants particularly in terms of the support to farmers who are beneficiaries of this type of funding.

The Chairperson expressed appreciation for the opportunity to peruse the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Casidra and recognised the challenges that these institutions had to operate under during the past year. The Chairperson further expressed appreciation for the comprehensive responses received during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 13:00.



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

Date:19 November 2021.....