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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Wednesday, 10 November 2021 (at 09:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Marran, P
Smith, D (Additional member)

Apologies

Mr BN Herron, Member – GOOD
Dr R Omar, Chief Executive Officer - CapeNature

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

Ms C Birss, Executive Director - Biodiversity Conservation
Mr B Barnes, General Manager

Department of the Premier: Legal Services

Mr L van der Schyff, State Law Advisor

WCPP Officials

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

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed the members of the Committee and the officials and informed the Committee that it would continue considering the submissions received in respect of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021] as contained in the Matrix from item 137.

2. Further deliberation on the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021]

The Committee proceeded to item 137 on the Matrix, considered the stakeholders' submissions and the Department's response thereto. The Committee agreed to amendments pertaining to Clauses 71 and 84.

The Committee was afforded the opportunity to request clarity on any clause in the Bill that was not part of the stakeholder submissions received.

The Chairperson raised a concern regarding the three year term for CapeNature Board Members as opposed to a five year term which was addressed by the WCPP Legal Advisor and the Department.

The Chairperson then presented the Committee with a summary of all the amendments that were deemed appropriate to be effected to the Bill and then referred it to the WCPP Legal Advisor to ensure that the amendments are drafted in the correct legal and technical language and that consequential amendments are addressed.

Member Baartman requested that when Legal Services goes through the language in the Bill that cognisance be taken of gender specific language, and if such language is picked up that gender neutral language be used in the Bill.


The Committee agreed to meet on Friday, 19 November 2021 to proceed with the formal consideration of the Bill and requested the WCPP Legal Advisor to submit the list of amendments to the Committee by Wednesday, 17 November 2021.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 4 November 2021

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes which were considered and adopted.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:12.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
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Date:19 November 2021.....