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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, 18 March 2022 (at 14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G
Botha, LJ
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director General- Agricultural Development Support Services
Dr I Trautmann, Deputy Director General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services
Mr F Huysamer, Chief Financial Officer
Ms R Wentzel, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning & Strategy
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Use and Management
Dr H Ngwenya, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Dr C de Brouwer, Acting Chief Director - Research, Technology and Development
Ms H Rodkin, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training
Mr B Shumba, Acting Chief Director - Rural Development
Ms G Jacobs, Acting Chief Director - Rural Development

Casidra

Mr D Nefdt, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer

WCPP Officials

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

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister of Agriculture, the Head of Department, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Casidra and the Departmental officials.

2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress expressed a minority view that it did not support the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Report on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

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 extend congratulatory remarks to the Minister of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture on the sterling work undertaken in furthering the aims of achieving food security, the combatting of plagues and the training of new emerging farmers in the Western Cape in spite of all notable challenges.

4.2 The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:

4.2.1 Regular updates on progress regarding the business plan of the Colenso Farm that was submitted to the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development for approval; and

4.2.2 A progress report on the 50 commercial farmers involved in the commercialisation programme of the Department stating if more than the 16 farmers that were supported previously have now been supported.

4.3 The Committee **FURTHER REQUESTED** that the Department of Agriculture and Casidra provides it with a progress report on the turnaround strategies for the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms as well as the timeframes for the handing `over of these farms to the respective communities.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 8 March 2022

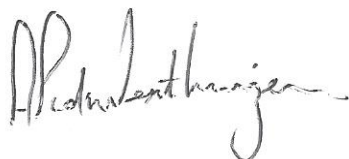
The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 8 March 2022 which were considered and adopted.

6. Closing

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

The Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation to the Chairperson for the manner in which the meeting was conducted and for the diligence which was employed during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 16:37.



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

Date:10 May 2022.....