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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 22 August 2023 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

America, D  
Murray, CA  
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

**African National Congress**

Marran, P

**Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, PJ

**Apology**

Mr P de Villiers, Member of the Standing Committee (GOOD)

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**National Council of Provinces (NCOP)**

Ms C Labuschagne, Western Cape Permanent Delegate in the NCOP – Select Committee on Land Reform, Environment, Mineral Resources and Energy

**Western Cape Department of Agriculture**

Mr T Morokong, Agricultural Economist

**CapeNature**

Mr D Rossouw, Integrated Catchment Specialist

## **Department of the Premier**

Ms A Muller, State Law Adviser

## **South African Local Government Association (Western Cape)**

Mr A Mpela, Senior Advisor - Inter-Governmental and Strategic Relations

## **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Adviser

Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

### **1. Opening and welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the departmental officials, and the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that an update was provided at the meeting of 15 August 2023 on the process, including the public participation process, that was followed in respect of the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] and the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill [B 24B—2021]. At the meeting on 15 August 2023 the Committee considered and deliberated on the respective national Departments' responses to submissions received in respect of the Amendment Bills. The Committee resolved that it would consider requesting the Western Cape's Delegation in the NCOP, when compiling its Negotiating Mandate Reports, to ensure that particular matters were considered.

In light of this, the Chairperson suggested that the Draft Committee Minutes of 15 August 2023 be considered and adopted before the Committee proceeded to the Negotiating Mandate Stage as this would serve as a reference for the compilation of the Negotiating Mandate Reports. Agreed to.

### **2. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 15 August 2023**

Member America raised a concern regarding the absence of Member Peter de Villiers' name on the Draft Minutes in respect of those Members who were present. The Procedural Officer confirmed that Member de Villiers' name did not appear on the MS Teams register but undertook to verify the accuracy of this information.

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 15 August 2023, subject to the verification of Member de Villiers' attendance, which were considered and adopted.

### **3. Deliberation on the negotiating mandate for the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] (NCOP)**

The Committee proceeded to consider its resolutions as contained in the Committee Minutes of 15 August 2023 for inclusion in the Negotiating Mandate Report. Additional amendments were proposed, considered and agreed to.

**4. Deliberation on the negotiating mandate for the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill [B 24B—2021] (NCOP)**

The Committee proceeded to consider its resolutions as contained in the Committee Minutes of 15 August 2023 for inclusion in the Negotiating Mandate Report. Additional amendments were proposed, considered and agreed to.

Proceedings were suspended for approximately ten minutes to allow the Procedural Officer to update the Draft Negotiating Mandate Reports.

**5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Negotiating Mandate Report on the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] (NCOP)**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Negotiating Mandate Report which was considered and adopted.

**6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Negotiating Mandate Report on the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill [B 24B—2021] (NCOP)**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Negotiating Mandate Report which was considered and adopted.

The Chairperson further informed the Committee of the process that would be followed in submitting the Negotiating Mandate Reports to the relevant Select Committee in the National Council of Provinces as well as the dates when the Select Committee will be considering the Negotiating Mandates of provinces.

**7. Acknowledgements**

The Committee expressed its appreciation to all individuals who provided feedback on the amendment bills, particularly the national Departments, as their input proved valuable in the Committee's compilation of its Negotiating Mandate Reports.

The Committee further acknowledged that it was not an easy task to deal with two amendment bills simultaneously and extended its appreciation to the procedural and legal staff who guided it through the process.

**8. General**

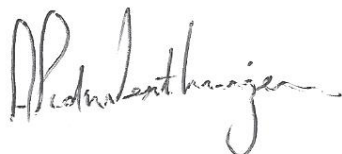
8.1 The Chairperson reminded Members who were part of the International Study Tour to California to submit their input on the Draft Report to the Procedural Officer.

8.2 The Procedural Officer provided the Committee with an update on the intended oversight visit to the Cederberg area on 7 September 2023. The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the Committee for agreeing to conduct this oversight visit during the constituency period.

**9. Closing**

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

The meeting adjourned at 15:15.



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

Date: .....25 October 2023.....