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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Thursday 30 November 2023 (at 12:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

## PRESENT

#### **Members**

**Democratic Alliance** America, D Murray, CA Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress Marran, P

**GOOD** De Villiers, PT

Freedom Front Plus Marais, PJ

## The following persons were in attendance:

## **Ministry of Agriculture**

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture Mr D Johnson, Media Liaison Officer

## **Department of Agriculture**

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services Mr F Huysamer, Chief Financial Officer Ms L Govender, New Chief Financial Officer as of 1 January 2024 Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services

## Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer Ms L Seconds, Human Resource Manager Mr D Nefdt, Chief Project Officer Mr M Mackenzie, Project Manager Agriculture / Supply Chain Management Mr J Swanepoel, Programme Manager - Environmental Sustainability

## **WCPP Officials**

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, Head of Department, Chief Executive Officer of Casidra and officials.

2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 7–2023]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 7–2023].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress did not support the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 7–2023]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report. The African National Congress requested that their minority view be included in the Report, after which the Report was considered and adopted.

## 4. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, the Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra, Departmental officials as well as the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for their contribution to the success of the meeting and for the support afforded the Committee during the year. As this was expected to be the last meeting with the Department of Agriculture for the year, and as Mr Floris Huysamer was retiring at the end of the year, a special word of thanks for his dedicated service was extended to him.

The meeting adjourned at 13:28.

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

Date: ......21 February 2024.....