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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday 3 September 2024 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)
Mbombo, N
Wessels, DJ

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Additional Member

Stoffel, BN (African National Congress)

Apologies

Mr N Constable (Patriotic Alliance), Member
Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Agriculture

Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General Agricultural Development Support Services

Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer
Mr D Nefdt, Chief Programme Officer
Ms L Seconds, Human Capital Manager

South Agrican Local Government Association (SALGA) Western Cape

Mr S Manyike, Senior Advisor - Economic Development and Investments

Mr L Njamela, Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

Ms S Griffiths, Advisor - Economic Development and Investments

Ms L Maake, Advisor - Economic Development

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Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Ms A Mtimkulu, Researcher

Mr C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the departmental officials, officials from Casidra, representatives from SALGA, and those who were following the proceedings online. Time was allowed for a moment of prayer or meditation.

The Chairperson provided the Committee with the rules of engagement for video conferencing and proceeded to the presentation.

2. Briefing by Casidra on its mandate by expanding on the mechanisms in place for the execution of its duties

Casidra provided the Committee with a detailed explanation of its mandate, including its core objectives, priorities, programmes and the scope of its operations within the province. Specific mechanisms and processes employed to carry out its mandate was expanded upon. Insight into how Casidra determined the appropriate level of support for farming and rural initiatives, including the criteria used to decide when projects were ready to progress without further investment was explained. So too was the adjudication process in relation to the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) and the Food Security Programme funding allocation. Challenges and mitigation strategies were highlighted, and the handling of input and output Value Added Tax on farmers' support was clarified.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee **REQUESTED** that Casidra provides it with:

3.1.1 A list of the food security projects that it supports and funds and its respective location; and

3.1.2 A summary of the projects within the Garden Route District Municipality and Mossel Bay Municipality in which Casidra is partnering, along with the Local Economic Development (LED) strategies of these municipalities.

3.2 The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department of Agriculture provides it with the evaluation reports on projects being implemented by Casidra.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 20 August 2024, which were considered and adopted.

5. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and officials for their participation in the proceedings and informed the Committee that the oversight visit to Elsenburg, scheduled for 17 September 2024, may not take place due to the NCOP Provincial Week and that further information will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 14:32.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masipa', is written over a light-colored, textured background.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 15 November 2024