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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Monday 28 October 2024 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Ngqentsu, B (Additional member)
Nkondlo, ND
Stoffel, B (Additional member)

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apology

Constable, N - Patriotic Alliance

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism
Ms M van Jaarsveld, Head of Ministry
Mr D Johnson, Media Liaison Officer

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Ms L Govender, Chief Financial Officer
Dr I Trautmann, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Regulatory Services
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Ms J Pandaram, Chief Director - Rural Development
Mr J Aries, Acting Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Ms A Swanepoel, Acting Chief Director - Research, Technology and Development Services

Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning and Strategy
Mr C Starling, Director - Supply Chain and Asset Management
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Use and Management
Ms B Matoti, Director - Agricultural Economic Services
Mr V Zwelendaba, Director - Agriculture Producer Support and Development (West Coast)
Dr N Magadla, Director - Animal Health
Ms G Jacobs, Director - Agricultural Skills Development
Mr M van Aswegen, Manager - Financial Accounting
Ms D Zana, Deputy Director - Financial Accounting

Casidra

Mr C van der Rheede, Chairperson of the Board
Mr D Simons, Board Member
Ms E Hendricks, Board Member
Ms C Abdoll, Board Member
Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer
Mr D Nefdt, Chief Project Officer
Ms L Seconds, Human Capital Manager
Mr M Mackenzie, Project Manager

Department of the Premier – Corporate Services Centre

Mr W Wilson, Manager

Auditor-General South Africa

Ms M Kotze, Manager
Mr T Mohlomi, Stakeholder Relations

Members of the public

Mr L Joseph, Chairperson - Peoples Rural Organisation
Ms S Godwana, Director – Usindiso Community Development

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr S Hassam, Information Technology 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, Chairperson of the Casidra Board, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra, the Departmental officials, members of the public and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Casidra (2023/24)

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges in the 2023/24 financial year.

The Chairperson of the Casidra Board and the Chief Executive Officer provided the same for Casidra.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its entity, Casidra.

The Committee deliberated.

Members of the public were provided an opportunity to ask questions to which the Department responded.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1. The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

- 3.1.1 Invite the Department of Agriculture to, after it has concluded its upcoming summit with municipalities, brief it on the current status of land use management, including land rezoning for various purposes, the current risks to preserving agricultural land within the Province, and the contributing factors that may emanate from the upcoming summit. This will be linked to the Department's readiness for the implementation of the Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Bill (B8-2021);
- 3.1.2 Invite the national Department of Employment and Labour and the Department of Agriculture to brief it on their efforts to address recurring issues in respect of the employment of foreign nationals in the agricultural sector, with the aim of clarifying actions taken and dispelling any unsubstantiated rumours; and
- 3.1.3 Undertake an oversight visit to the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms to assess the progress made in relation to Casidra's turnaround strategies so as to gain firsthand insight into the developments and Casidra's timeline for the project to reach break-even for eventual handover to the community.

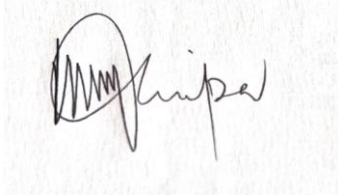
4. General

- 4.1 The Chairperson requested the Committee to forward potential focus areas for an international study visit in the 2024.2025 financial year to the Procedural Officer.
- 4.2 The Chairperson informed the Committee that a by-election on 20 November 2024 coincides with the Committee's planned oversight visit to Saldanha Bay and Atlantis. As accommodation had already been secured, the Chairperson proposed that the Atlantis leg of the visit be postponed to the new year and that the Committee continues with the Saldanha Bay visit on 20 November 2024. Agreed to.

5. Closing

The Committee further noted its appreciation to both the Department of Agriculture and Casidra for presenting their Annual Report for the 2023/24 financial year and for obtaining an unqualified audit opinion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53.



MR NP MASIPA, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
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Date: 15 November 2024