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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Friday 15 November 2024 (at 14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apology

Nkondlo, ND (African National Congress)

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

Mr S Hassan, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

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

 Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on the Annual Report discussion of the Department of Agriculture and Casidra for the 2023/24 financial year

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

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on the Annual Report discussion of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency; Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Ltd; and Atlantis Special Economic Zone for the 2023/24 financial year

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

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 3 September 2024, 28 October 2024 and 29 October 2024, which were considered and adopted.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (July – September 2024)

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report, which was considered and adopted.

6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Tracking Document as at 15 November 2024

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Tracking Document, which was considered and adopted.

7. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Business Plan for the 2024/25 financial year

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Business Plan, which was considered and adopted.

8. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Business Plan for 2025/26 financial year

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Business Plan, which was considered and adopted.

9. General

9.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee that the oversight visit to the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone, originally scheduled for 20 November 2024, had been postponed due to the unavailability of the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development, and Tourism. The Chairperson further announced that the visit would now take place on 29 January 2025, preceded by a visit to the Atlantis Special Economic Zone on 28 January 2025.

- 9.2 Member Brinkhuis expressed concern regarding water accessibility for farmers in the Matzikama municipal area.
- 9.3 Member Constable expressed concern regarding farms in the Western Cape owned by municipalities that fail to utilise allocated funding to support emerging farmers and emphasised the need to explore ways to assist municipalities in leveraging these resources to create opportunities, particularly for small-scale farmers in these areas. Member Bryant suggested that this concern be addressed in the submission of a written question to the relevant Minister as this approach may yield a quicker response. Agreed to.

10. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with a list of farmers within the Matzikama Municipal area facing water-related and other challenges, to facilitate a potential oversite visit by the Committee.

11. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and officials for their participation in the proceedings.

The meeting adjourned at 14:46.



MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM

Date: 4 March 2025