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NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 1/20¹⁹/72
Hour Meeting Held: 10:15 A.M.
& 4:15 P.M.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING. Organization and schedules of meetings.

Roll Call:

Louise Cross, Chairman	Present
E. S. "Erv" Gysler, Vice Chairman	Present
John H. Anderson, Jr.	Present
Geoffrey L. Brazier	Present
Douglas Delaney	Present
A. W. Kamhoot	Present
Charles B. McNeil	Present
Donald Rebal	Present
Henry L. Siderius	Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING: None.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
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GUESTS: A group of students from Dodson High School were present at the morning meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman told the committee members that there would be a meeting on water on Thursday, January 20, 1972 at 1:30 p.m..

Mr. Siderius suggested that each day the committee cover a different topic. The following schedule was then set up:

Thursday, January 20th - Water. 1:30 p.m.

Friday, January 21st - Wildlife. 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting recess.

Time of recess: 10:50 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Pursuant to recess, the committee resumed at 4:15 p.m.

Previous to the entire committee meeting, Gary Wicks, Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Department met with the Chairman and any committee members present in regard to the informational meet by key members of his department with this committee on Thursday, January 20, 1972. He did appear reluctant to have his staff representatives appear in the manner in which the committee requested.

After Mr. Wicks left and all committee members were again present, it was decided to meet 10 minutes after adjournment on Thursday morning, January 20th, in order that each member could report on the Article assigned for his study. They would then recess and resume at 1:30 p.m. for the informational meeting on water.

The Chairman, with the agreement of the committee members, scheduled the following meetings:

Tuesday, January 25th - Minerals. 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26th - Land. 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27th - Air. 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 27th - Joint meeting with the Committee on Education and Public Lands in the Senate Chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, January 28th - Forests and timber. 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Kamhoot reported on coal mining in Montana over the last three years and gave the projection for the next three years.

The committee discussed this subject, especially in regard to strip mining and its effect on the land.

There being no further business, upon motion duly carried, the committee adjourned until 10 minutes after adjournment Thursday, January 20, 1972.

Time of adjournment: 4:50 p.m.

C. Louis Cross
Chairman

Chaine L. Rung
Secretary