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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

*Friday 28 March 2025 (at 14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

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

**African National Congress**

Nkondlo, ND  
Stoffels, BN (Additional member)

**Patriotic Alliance**

Constable, N

**Al Jama-ah**

Brinkhuis, G

**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  
Ms P van Jaarsveld, Office Administrator

**Department of Agriculture**

Dr M Sehopetsa, Head of Department  
Dr I Trautmann, Director-General: Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services  
Ms L Govender, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services  
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services  
Ms J Pandaram, Chief Director - Rural Development  
Mr J Aries, Acting Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development  
Mr G Stander, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training

Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Management  
Ms B Matoti, Director - Agricultural Economic Services  
Mr C Starling, Director - Supply Chain and Asset Management  
Ms D Zana, Deputy Director - Financial Accounting

### **Casidra**

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer

### **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, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

The Chairperson further informed all present that the Committee decided to conduct an engagement on 22 April 2025 with agricultural industry stakeholders to better understand the sector and its role in job creation and the economy, and that the Committee has requested the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism to do the opening address on the day.

## **2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2025]**

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2025].

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 Appropriation Bill [B 2–2025]**

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

## **4. Resolutions**

4.1 The Committee requested that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:

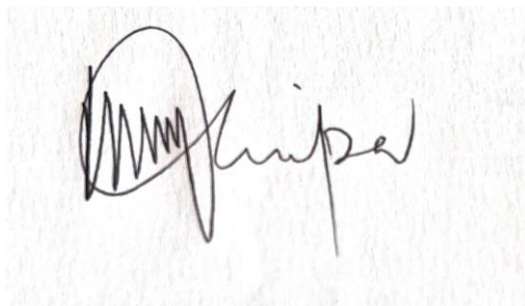
4.1.1 A comprehensive report analysing employment trends in the agriculture sector, with a specific focus on the ratio of permanent to seasonal agri-workers. Additionally, the report should outline any skills development programmes aimed at facilitating the transition of seasonal workers into permanent employment;

- 4.1.2 A detailed list of grant beneficiaries, in compliance with the POPI Act, including the names of recipients (individuals or companies), the amounts awarded, and the respective regions of origin;
- 4.1.3 A detailed breakdown of the 555 zoning applications, specifically indicating how many were applications for rezoning or subdivision from agricultural use to other purposes. The report should include the locations of these applications, the nature of the proposed developments, and the Department's responses, including instances where opposition was expressed and the rationale for such decisions; and
- 4.1.4 The Provincial Treasury's response to the Department's request for the rollover of approximately R270 million in unspent disaster relief funds that was tabled by the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism during the November 2024 Adjusted Budget, but only received on 26 March 2025, leaving the Department with just three working days to allocate and utilise the funds.

## 5. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, the Head of Department and departmental officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 16:10.

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**MR NP MASIPA, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Date: 22 April 2025