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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Wednesday 18 June 2025 (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

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism
Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department of Agriculture
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Agriculture

Ms L Govender, Acting Head of Department
Dr I Trautmann, Deputy Director - General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services
Ms A Petersen, Acting Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services
Mr J Aries, Acting Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Mr C van der Walt, Land Use Manager
Ms G Jacobs, Director - Agricultural Skills Development
Ms M Jacobs, Acting Director

Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr K Munro, Director - Development Planning

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Acting Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

The Chairperson briefed all attendees on the video conferencing protocols and outlined the objectives of the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Department of Agriculture and Casidra on its non-financial quarterly performance for the period January - March 2025 (Quarter 4)

The Department and Entity briefed the Committee on its respective Quarterly Performance Reports highlighting with reason the targets that were not achieved as well as those that were partially achieved within the various programmes.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Briefing by the Department of Agriculture on the status of land use management

The Department briefed the Committee on the status of land use management and land rezoning for various purposes, as well as the current risks to preserving agricultural land within the province. The Committee was informed that productive agricultural land was under severe pressure due to requests for other uses such as expansion of the urban edge, housing estate developments and renewable energy generation.

The Department further briefed the Committee on its readiness to implement the Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Act, 2024 (Act 39 of 2024). It was noted that the national Department of Agriculture has not developed the necessary regulations and norms to give effect to the implementation of the Act. Consequently, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture was not able to assume the functions expected to be delegated to provinces. The development of provincial regulations and norms was dependent on the finalisation of the national framework, and the identification of provincial protected agricultural areas could only proceed once the corresponding national protected areas were established.

4. Consideration and adoption of the draft Committee documents

The Chairperson submitted the following draft Committee documents which were considered and adopted:

- 4.1 Minutes of 22 April 2025, 20 May 2025, 4 June 2025 at 09:30, and 4 June 2025 at 11:00;
- 4.2 Committee Report on its engagement with agricultural stakeholders on 22 April 2025;
- 4.3 Committee Report on its oversight visit to the Constantia Wine Region on 25 April 2025;

- 4.4 Committee Quarterly Report (January to March 2025);
- 4.5 Committee Annual Activity Report for the 2024/25 financial year;
- 4.6 Tracking Document as at 18 June 2025; and
- 4.7 Updated Business Plan as at 18 June 2025.

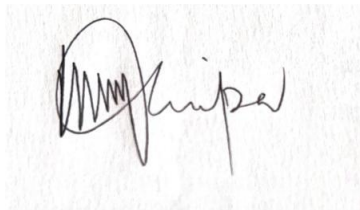
5. Resolutions

- 5.1 The Committee REQUESTED that Casidra provides it with:
 - 5.1.1 Information on the number and location of food gardens in the Western Cape that were previously identified as dumping sites but have since been rehabilitated and converted into food gardens; and
 - 5.1.2 The latest external Evaluation Report on food security projects.
- 5.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with the:
 - 5.2.1 Standard Operating Procedure that outlines the land use application process; and
 - 5.2.2 Number of land use applications that the Department commented on in the previous and current financial year.

6. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 14:50.



MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 5 August 2025