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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

*Thursday 30 October 2025 (at 08:00)
Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams and Chamber, 6th Floor,
7 Wale Street, Cape Town*

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)
Wessels, DJ (online)
Walters, TCR

African National Congress

Lekker, PZ (additional) (online)

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies

Nkondlo, ND – Member (African National Congress)
Mbombo, N – Member (Democratic Alliance)

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism
Ms P van Jaarsveldt, Assistant Administrative Secretary

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Ms L Govender, Chief Financial Officer
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services
Ms B Matoti, Acting Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Regulatory Services
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Ms J Pandaram - Chief Director - Rural Development
Mr M Brinkhuis, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Mr G Stander, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training
Dr F Vries, Chief Director - Research and Technology Development Services
Mr J Aries, Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development (Central Karoo/Garden Route/Little Karoo)
Mr D Chitepo, Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development (Overberg/Cape Metropole/Cape Winelands)
Mr V Zwelendaba, Director - Agriculture Producer Support and Development (West Coast)
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Use and Management
Mr M Jacobsz, Director- Supply Chain and Asset Management
Mr C Starling, Director - Supply Chain and Asset Management
Dr N Magadla, Director - Animal Health
Ms G Jacobs, Director - Agricultural Skills Development
Mr T Morokong, Senior Agricultural Economist
Ms M James, Head of Communication

Casidra

Mr C van Rheede, Board Chairperson
Ms C Abdoll, Board Member
Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Nefdt, Chief Project Officer
Ms I Bezuidenhout, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Ms L Seconds, Human Capital Manager
Mr C Boraine, Accountant
Mr E Matshediso, Public Relations/Communication Officer
Mr J Swanepoel, Programme Manager - Environmental Sustainability
Mr M Mackenzie, Programme Manager – Food Security

Department of the Premier

Mr W Wilson
Ms L Barron

Auditor- General of South Africa

Mr A Ramages
Ms M Joffee

Members of the public

Mr A Jansen
Mr M van Zyl

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees, including those following the proceedings online. The Chairperson outlined the purpose and agenda of the meeting and emphasised the importance of adhering strictly to time allocations. The Chairperson further enquired whether any members of the public were in attendance and noted that no prior indication of attendance had been received.

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Casidra

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 2024/25 financial year.

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

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.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1. The Committee RESOLVED that it would invite the Department of Agriculture to brief it on the:
 - 3.1.1 Evaluation Report of the Fruitlook Project with specific reference to its contribution to resource resilience, food security, and sustainable agricultural practices; details of the external evaluation conducted on the project and its findings; and an outline of the Department's planned support measures for small-scale farmers during the transition and phasing-out of the service; and
 - 3.1.2 Study commissioned through the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP) to assess the impact of US tariffs on agricultural exports.
- 3.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with the latest BFAP (Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy) report and any associated analyses on agricultural production, trade, export performance, and employment trends, to support evidence-based oversight and policy planning.

- 3.3 The Committee RESOLVED that it would invite Casidra to brief it on the implementation of the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) as it relates to the promotion of integrated rural development, environmental sustainability, and optimal land use at the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms, with specific reference to how spatial and environmental considerations are being incorporated into the operational and infrastructure plans of both farms.

4. Closing

The Committee further noted its appreciation to the Department of Agriculture and Casidra for presenting their Annual Reports for the 2024/25 financial year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NP Masipa', is written over a light blue grid background.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 12 November 2025