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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

*Friday 13 March 2026 (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
Stoffel, BN (Additional)

Patriotic Alliance

Adams, BM

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 Officer
Ms L Marthinussen, Secretary

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services
Ms B Matoti, Acting Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services
Ms L Govender, Chief Financial Officer
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Mr M Brinkhuis, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services

Dr F Vries, Chief Director - Regulatory and Research Technology Development Services
 Mr G Stander, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training
 Ms J Pandaram, Chief Director - Rural Development
 Ms S Thomas, Director - Business Planning and Strategy
 Mr M Jacobsz, Director - Supply Chain and Asset Management
 Mr C Starling, Director - Supply Chain and Asset Management
 Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Use and Management
 Ms L Thabethe, Acting Director - Agricultural Economic Services
 Mr U Fritz, Next Generation Bold Programme
 Ms R Bastian, Next Generation Bold Programme
 Mr T Tredoux, Next Generation Bold Programme
 Ms R Khosi, Next Generation Bold Programme

Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr J Rhode, Interim Chief Financial Officer
 Mr D Nefdt, Chief Programme Officer

Media

Mr C Swart, Farmers Weekly

WCPP Officials

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

2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress and Al-Jam-ah 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 1–2026]

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

4. Resolutions

4.2 The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

4.2.1 Invite the Department of Agriculture to brief it on the Integrated Rural Development Strategy and Rural Safety Plan; and

4.2.2 Closely monitor dam levels across the Western Cape, conduct timely oversight visits to key farming and water supply areas, and make formal recommendations to the relevant departments for urgent interventions and budgetary support to mitigate the impacts of water scarcity on agriculture and communities.

4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Department of Local Government, review by-laws, where necessary, impacting informal farmers negatively to ensure that regulations support animal health, livelihoods, and economic growth.

5. General

Member Nkondlo expressed concern and emphasised that members of the public should be treated fairly when requesting to make presentations to the Committee, even if their submissions do not explicitly reference the budget. She expressed that denying presentations without clear evidence of relevance is unfair and inconsistent, especially when similar submissions on other topics were allowed in other committees.

6. Closing

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

The meeting adjourned at 16:16.



MR NP MASIPA, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

Date: 12 May 2026