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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Tuesday, 14 July 2020 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM
Maseko, LM
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P
Smith, D (Additional Member)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture

Dr I Meyer: Minister of Agriculture
Ms M van Jaarsveld: Head of Ministry

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa: Head of Department
Mr D Jacobs: Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development Support Services
Mr F Huysamer: Chief Financial Officer

Casidra

Mr F van Zyl: Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Silevu: Chief Officer – Technical

Mr J Bronkhorst: Regional Manager

Provincial Treasury

Mr P Prinsloo: Economist

Department of Transport and Public Works

Ms J Gooch: Head of Department

Mr S Hindley: Senior Manager – Property Management

Stakeholders/Members of the Public

Ms A Allie

Mr W Burger

Mr J Jansen van Rensburg

Mr G Githahu

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk: Procedural Officer

Mr J Vermeulen: Senior Procedural Officer

Mr T Abbas: Information Technology Software & Hardware Support Officer

Ms C Morris: Information Technology Assistant

Mr S Hassam: Information Technology Assistant

Apologies

Mr D Maynier: Minister of Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Mr D Savage: Head of Department - Provincial Treasury

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the departmental officials, stakeholders and Casidra.

The Chairperson explained the meeting procedure for video conferencing as well as the format that the meeting would follow.

2. Briefing by the Department of Agriculture and Casidra on the financial viability and sustainability of the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms as well as the long term plan and future ownership of the farms

The Department of Agriculture provided the Committee with a briefing on the financial viability and sustainability of the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms with specific reference to current farming activities, the current financial situation and the turnaround strategy options. The Committee was informed that no funding was available for the turnaround strategy options and hence further interim measures to ensure the sustainability of the farms were outlined.

In addition, community benefits, future plans, and limitations in terms of the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme were highlighted.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee expressed its concern regarding the turnaround strategies as these have not yielded acceptable results.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

3.1.1 On a quarterly basis, invite the Department of Agriculture and Casidra to brief it on progress in relation to the turnaround strategies and alternative strategies planned for the Amalienstein and Waaikraal farms in order to make the farms sustainable; and

3.1.2 Extend an invitation to affected community leaders and potential beneficiaries to attend the next Committee meeting on the subject matter which will be planned for October 2020.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 12 June 2020, which were considered and adopted.

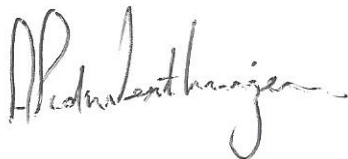
5. Consideration and adoption Draft Committee Quarterly Report

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report (April – June 2020), which was considered and adopted.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that it had received an invitation from CapeNature to visit the Kogelberg Nature reserve, from the Abalone industry in Hermanus and from a game farm that has been involved with the relocation of elephants. The invitations are specific to activities and projects in the Overstrand area. The Chairperson further informed the Committee that, pending a suitable date on the parliamentary programme, the Committee could visit the three projects during an oversight visit to the Overstrand area.

Agreed to.

The meeting adjourned at 16:05.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date:28 July 2020.....