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### **Economic Development, Transportation and Natural Resources Subcommittee**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 9:00 am in Room 321

#### **Archived Video Available**

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

#### **Attendance**

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, Representative Neal A. Collins, and Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III.

#### **Minutes**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings; the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

- II. Representative Collins moved to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on February 28, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Collins’s motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2017, meeting:</b>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

**Discussion of the Department of Agriculture**

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk provided an update of the Subcommittee’s work related to the Department of Agriculture. She stated the purpose of this meeting is a deeper dive into how resources are allocated to each objective, performance measures, review of laws pertaining to the agency, and any agency recommendations for the subcommittee.
- II. Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh E. Weathers presented a PowerPoint presentation over the successes, challenges, emerging issues, and objectives of the agency. The agency’s presentation is available on the Committee’s website for the public to view.
- III. Subcommittee Members asked and Commissioner Weathers answered questions on a variety of topics including:
  - a. Federal Food Safety and Modernization Act;
  - b. Farming profession;
  - c. Surface water withdrawal;
  - d. State Farmers Market;
  - e. Procurement Code; and
  - f. Marketing and economic development.
- IV. Commissioner Weathers explained that the agency objectives were changed in 2017 to better align with divisions and to better portray and track invested resources.
- V. Commissioner Weathers discussed the agency’s strategic plan. He explained the agency’s goal is for by the year 2020, to be successful with the agriculture business so it flows \$50 billion through the economy each year.

**Administrative Matters**

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk requested that this committee receive the water study once it is finished, and staff will follow up with a letter for any other requested committee items.
- II. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.