



# **West Virginia Senate**

## **Committee on Natural Resources**

### **Minutes for February 19, 2025, 9:30 AM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources met on February 19, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Hamilton, Deeds, Hart, Jeffries, Morris, Queen, Rose, Tarr, Woodrum

Members absent: Senators Garcia

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

Chairman Hamilton introduced new members to the committee.

Chairman Hamilton introduced the staff to the committee.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the committee adopted the Rules of the Senate to govern the committee in its deliberations.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the committee authorized Chairman Hamilton to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the committee authorized staff to, as needed, make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions and drafts which may be brought before the committee.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the committee authorized counsel to incorporate all introduced bills, or resolutions, as well as, any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the Committee and the Committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, as a committee substitute and to report it in lieu of the introduced bill, or resolution.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the committee authorized members who are physically present in their Capitol offices may participate remotely in committee meetings and hearings as though they were physically present, shall be counted in determining a quorum, and shall vote on every question pursuant to Senate Rule 43. The Chair shall provide for simultaneous video and audio participation among all members.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the Committee authorized the Chair to administer an oath to any witness appearing before them, should a majority of the members of the Committee vote to do so.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the Committee authorized members who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, notified of potential exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or who have been determined by a physician to be at a higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19, to participate remotely (outside of the capitol building) in committee meetings as though they were physically present. Members may vote on every question subject to Senate Rule 43.

Chairman Hamilton recognized Brett McMillion, Director of WVDNR. Brett McMillion, followed with an update on the Division of Natural Resources (law, parks, and wildlife resources) and responded to questions

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Bill Hamilton

Chairman



Trina Strain

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