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Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:00 AM

Oaklawn Event Center, 2705 Central Avenue

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Steve Crowell; Representatives Dwight Tosh, Chair; Mark D. McElroy, Vice Chair; Rick Beck, Nicole Clowney, Jimmy Gazaway, Lane Jean, Jon Milligan, Jeremiah Moore, Jamie Scott, and Jeff Wardlaw

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield, Matt McKee, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Jack Fortner, Jack Ladyman, Rick McClure, Richard McGrew, Aaron Pilkington, Matthew Shepherd, and Danny Watson

Representative Tosh called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Ratify Special Expenses Incurred in Conjunction with the May 24, 2023, House and Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas

Senator Crowell made a motion to approve, seconded by Representative McElroy, and the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committee

Representative Jean made a motion to approve, seconded by Representative McElroy, and the motion carried.

Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the September 20, 2022, Meeting

Representative Milligan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Scott, and the motion carried.

Welcome Remarks – Arkansas Rural Development Conference

Clint O’Neal, Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), made remarks welcoming members and attendees to the conference.

Presentation from Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Matt Twyford, Director of Community Development, AEDC, presented an overview of the programs available.

Discussion of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grants Program

Timothy Smith, Acting Program Director, Rural Business/Cooperative Development Program, USDA, presented various loan and grant programs available.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.