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

February 16, 2017

#### **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 Chair Ralph W. Norman on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for all or a portion of the meeting: Chair Norman; Representative Neal A. Collins, Representative Mandy Powers Norrell 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 January 26, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Collins’s motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2017, meeting:</b>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Norman	✓			

**Discussion of the Department of Agriculture**

- I. Department of Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers testified about the agency’s program structure in the General Appropriations Act; daily operations, strategic plan, available resources, employees, and finances. His presentation to the Committee is available online as part of the agency’s study materials.
- II. Commissioner Weathers answered questions asked by the Subcommittee members. The questions were about multiple topics, including:
- a. The 2016 farm aid package;
  - b. The agency’s budget requests; and
  - c. The relationship between the state’s agricultural production and consumption.
- III. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.