

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Berryville Community Center, 601 Dr. Spurlin Circle**  
**Berryville, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senator Ronald Caldwell, Chair; Representatives Roger D. Lynch, Chair; Harlan Breaux, Ron McNair, Chad Puryear, and Steve Unger

Other members present: Senator Bryan King; Representative Stephen Meeks

Senator Caldwell called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve the Minutes from May 5, 2025, and December 4, 2025, Meetings [Exhibits C1-C2]**

Without objection the meeting minutes from May 5, 2025, and December 4, 2025, were approved.

**Discussion of the Illinois River Watershed [Exhibits D1-D4]**

Senator Bryan King, District 28, Arkansas Senate, and John Bailey, Vice President of Commodity and Regulatory Affairs, Arkansas Farm Bureau, discussed the impact of watershed management on Arkansas waterways, land, and local businesses.

**Questions & Answers/Public Testimony**

Senator Bryan King, District 28, Arkansas Senate, answered questions and addressed concerns about watershed management, as well as potential future legislation related to this issue.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.