

MINUTES
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
Thursday, July 6, 2023
10:00 AM
Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources
4087 Smackover Hwy, Smackover, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Ben Gilmore, Co-Chair, Matt McKee, Vice-Chair, Ricky Hill, Mark Johnson; Representatives Rick Beck, Co-Chair, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Jack Ladyman, Howard Beatty, and Wayne Long
Other members present: Senator Matt Stone, Representatives Wade Andrews, Stephen Meeks, and Matt Shepherd

Call to Order

Senator Gilmore called the meeting to order.

Welcome Remarks

Representative Sonia Eubanks Barker and Senator Matt Stone made remarks welcoming members.

Consideration of a Motion to Ratify Special Expenses Incurred in Conjunction with the July 7, 2023, Joint Energy Committee Meetings in El Dorado, Arkansas

Without objection, the motion carried.

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

Without objection, the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes [Exhibit E]

Without objection, the motion carried.

Presentation and Tour of the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources

Mr. Jonathan Plant, Museum Director, Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources, gave a presentation and provided a guided tour of the museum.

Discussion of Sparta Groundwater Recovery/Ouachita River Water Supply

Ms. Sherrel Johnson, Projects Manager, Union County Water Conservation Board/Arkansas Waterways Commissioner, provided a presentation regarding the mission of the Union County Water Conservation Board and the Sparta Groundwater Recovery initiative.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.