

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Den Hartog, Vice Chairman Woodward, Senators Winder, Rice, Vick, Crabtree, Nelson, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lodge

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CONVENED: **Chair Den Hartog** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed committee members and expressed gratitude for their attendance.

PAGE INTRODUCTION: **Chair Den Hartog** asked the Committee page, Sophia Lind, of Meridian, to introduce herself to the committee. **Miss Lind** said she is a senior at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian. She is interested in counseling and wishes to pursue a degree in Psychology at Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho, and looks forward to serving on a mission for her church.

Senator Winder welcomed Miss Lind and emphasized the critical role she and her group of pages serve at the legislature. He encouraged her goals of attending Brigham Young University and wished her luck in her endeavors.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Chair Den Hartog** asked members of the committee introduce themselves.

Senator Wintrow expressed what an honor it is to be on the committee and she appreciated the email sent from the chair regarding the administrative rules review. She noted her previous experience in the House of Representatives.

Senator Nelson congratulated the Chair on her appointment and highlighted his previous experience on the committee.

Senator Rice stated he had previously served on the Committee and appreciated remaining a member. He emphasized the importance of transportation in his community and throughout the State.

Senator Woodward introduced himself and asserted his commitment to looking at solutions for the backlog of problems in the transportation system.

Senator Winder thanked the Chair and noted his previous experience as a member of the Committee, and as Chairman of the Transportation Board. He said he is eager to respond to the Governor's transportation proposal. He specified the key to safety is dividing the highways and eliminating two-lane highways. **Senator Winder** pointed out the State is growing rapidly and has needs that must be addressed.

Senator Vick thanked the Chair and voiced his appreciation for continuing to serve on the Committee. He expressed having realistic goals of catching up on the backlog and that he looked forward to doing so, as well as working with the Chair.

Senator Crabtree noted his district is one of the largest in Idaho and reaffirmed the critical nature of transportation within it. He detailed the role transportation plays by helping export resources derived from his district and said he is committed to helping the committee.

Senator Den Hartog detailed the growth in many parts of the state and emphasized she will cooperate with eastern Idaho representation to discuss regional issues.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chair Den Hartog** adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Senator Den Hartog
Chair

Emily Carlisle
Secretary