

June 19, 2023

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Lewis & Clark County District Court

STATE OF MONTANA

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DV-25-2020-0000307-BF

Seeley, Kathy

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

RIKKI HELD, et al.

vs

STATE OF MONTANA, et al.

CDV 2020-307

MINUTE ENTRY FOR

JUNE 19, 2023

This was the time set for Day Six (6) of the Non-Jury Bench Trial, in the above-entitled cause. Present in the Court were Nate Bellinger, Philip Gregory, Roger Sullivan, Melissa Hornbein and Barbara Chillcott, Counsel on behalf of the Plaintiffs along with all Plaintiffs and Michael Russell, Thane Johnson, Emily Jones, Mark Stermitz, Lee McKenna and Selena Sauer, Counsel on behalf of the Defendants.

Court resumed at 9:03 am.

State's Counsel motioned the Court to take Judicial Notice on recently passed Bills with Legislation and offered stipulated exhibit D-C, and with no objection the Court admitted exhibit D-C and will grant the motion to take Judicial Notice.

Chris Dorrington, Director of DEQ, was duly sworn and testified. Sonja Nowakowski, Hybrid Expert Witness, was duly sworn and testified. Exhibit P-19, was offered and with objection was admitted. Exhibit P-48, was offered and with objection was admitted.

Court and Counsel handled housekeeping matters regarding time line for trial, witnesses and exhibits. The Deposition of Mr. Thomas, Plaintiff's last witness, referred to will be admitted. Exhibits will be finalized tomorrow morning and both sides plan to rest, once exhibits are settled.

Dr. Terry L. Anderson, Economist and Emeritus Professor from Stanford University, was duly sworn and testified. Exhibit D-D, was offered and with no objection was admitted. Defense Counsel for the State, rested.

Court and Counsel handled housekeeping matters regarding time line for trial, witnesses and exhibits. Plaintiff's Counsel will have some rebuttal testimony tomorrow and once all exhibits have been established as part of the Court's record, Plaintiff's will rest. Then short closings from both sides and trial will be complete.

Court recessed at 3:05 pm and **will reconvene on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 9:00 am.**

HON. KATHY SEELEY
PRESIDING JUDGE

MIKE RAFFEL
Court Reporter

cc. All Counsel of record for Plaintiffs and Defendants.