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## AGRICULTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the September 11, 2025, meeting

### WETLANDS AND INUNDATED LANDS STUDY

10:05 a.m. Presentation by United States Representative Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota, regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

10:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative from North Dakota Agricultural Mitigation, Inc., regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Dani Quissel, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Water Users Association, regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jeff Frith, Manager, Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board, regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

11:30 a.m. Comments from interested persons

12:15 p.m. Committee discussion

12:30 p.m. Recess

### ECONOMIC ANALYSIS STUDY

1:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the formula for conducting an economic analysis for assessment drain projects and the projected cost threshold for conducting economic analyses

1:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. James Odermann, Commissioner, State Water Commission, regarding the committee's study of the formula for conducting an economic analysis for assessment drain projects and the projected cost threshold for conducting economic analyses

1:35 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Duane Pool, Director, Planning and Education Division, Department of Water Resources, regarding the committee's study of the formula for conducting an economic analysis for assessment drain projects and the projected cost threshold for conducting economic analyses

2:35 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Kurt Lysne, Board Member, North Dakota Water Users Association, and Mr. Keith Weston, Board Member, North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association, regarding the committee's study of the formula for conducting an economic analysis for assessment drain projects and the projected cost threshold for conducting economic analyses

3:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Levi Otis, Government Affairs Division, Ellingson Companies, regarding the committee's study of the formula for conducting an economic analysis for assessment drain projects and the projected cost threshold for conducting economic analyses

3:25 p.m. Comments from interested persons

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

4:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

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### **Committee Members**

Representatives: Dori Hauck (Chairman), Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Lisa Finley-DeVillie, Kathy Frelich, Jeff Hoverson, Keith Kempenich, Dwight Kiefert, David Monson, Dennis Nehring, Kathy Skroch

Senators: Cole Conley, Michael Dwyer, Robert Erbele, Randy D. Lemm, Larry Luick, Michelle Powers, Terry M. Wanzek, Mark F. Weber

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