



AGRICULTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the November 13, 2025, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

REPORTS

9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, of six reports relating to:

- Autonomous technology grants awarded to persons in the agriculture industry
- Potential benefits of expanding irrigation throughout the state
- The recent transactions of the Low-Carbon Fuels Fund
- Disbursements from the Environmental Impact Mitigation Fund
- The development of a new or updated model zoning ordinance related to animal feeding operations
- Capacity requirements to establish and sustain a fertilizer production facility in the state

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS STUDY

10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the 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

10:50 a.m. Comments from interested persons

11:00 a.m. Committee discussion

WETLANDS AND INUNDATED LANDS STUDY

11:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Water Resources regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands, specifically applied to Devils Lake

12:00 noon Recess

12:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state, specifically applied to Devils Lake

1:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jeffrey W. McCoy, Senior Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation, regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

2:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state

- 2:25 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding the committee's study of water and wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state
- 3:05 p.m. Comments from interested persons
- ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
- 3:35 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Dori Hauck (Chairman), Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Lisa Finley-DeVille, 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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