

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 12, 2018
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the December 19, 2017, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- STUDY OF THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information from a 50-state survey regarding the structure, service, and funding of conservation entities as provided by the National Association of State Conservation Agencies
- 9:25 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bruce Schmidt, Program Coordinator, Watershed and Soil Conservation Leadership Development, North Dakota State University Extension Service, regarding updated information on the roles, responsibilities, and potential reform of the State Soil Conservation Committee
- 9:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons, committee discussion, and staff directives
- STUDY OF THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING A STATE WETLANDS BANK**
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the desirability and feasibility of creating a state wetlands bank
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, regarding the funding, purpose, eligibility, and payment rates of the Department of Agriculture Waterbank Program
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Mary Podoll, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, regarding federal wetlands mitigation rules and regulations
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Greg Link, Chief, Conservation and Communications Division, Game and Fish Department, regarding the management of wildlife management areas by the department and the relation to wetland mitigation efforts
- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Water Commission regarding the commission's role in wetland mitigation through the management of sovereign land
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Carmen Miller, Director of Public Policy, Great Plains Region, Ducks Unlimited, regarding private wetland mitigation efforts, structure, and process
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Wayne Smith, Wetlands Specialist, South Dakota Farm Bureau, regarding wetland mitigation efforts by the State of South Dakota
- 1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons, committee discussion, and staff directives
- 2:15 p.m. Break

**STUDY OF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS, DON/VOMITOXIN,
FALLING NUMBERS, AND PROTEIN**

- 2:30 p.m. Continued committee discussion, staff directives, and comments by interested persons regarding the studies of nutrient management plans, DON/vomitoxin, falling numbers, and protein
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives: Dennis Johnson (Chairman), Kathy Hogan, Michael Howe, Craig A. Johnson, Dwight Kiefert, Kathy Skroch
Senators: Bill L. Bowman, Jim Dotzenrod, Joan Heckaman, Larry Luick, Janne Myrdal
Staff Contact: Dustin Assel, Counsel