



WATER DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Chairman's comments
- 9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study for the 2021-22 interim
- 9:20 a.m. Committee discussion regarding goals for the interim
- 9:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jayme Tenneson, State's Attorney, Griggs County, regarding counties' oversight of water resource boards
- 10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Aaron Carranza, Regulatory Division Director, State Water Commission, regarding the structure and functions of the State Engineer's office and the relationship between the State Engineer's office and water resource boards
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Michael Anderson, Hillsboro, regarding State Water Commission research on multiple drainage and water resource board topics
- 11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, regarding project timelines and appeals from water resource board decisions
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, regarding the Department of Agriculture's Mediation Service for landowners in disputes with federal and state agencies
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Timothy J. Dawson, Director, Office of Administrative Hearings, regarding the administrative appeals process
- 1:40 p.m. Break
- 1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Duane Pool, Natural Resource Economist, State Water Commission, regarding methods available to assess costs in relation to benefits of water projects
- 2:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Clif Issendorf, Member, Bottineau County Water Resource Board, regarding assessment of costs for water projects
- 2:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff regarding conflicts and redundancy in North Dakota Century Code Chapters 61-16.1, 61-21, and 61-32, and relevant 2021 legislation
- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Larry Luick (Chairman), Kathy Hogan, Ronald Sorvaag

Representatives: Dennis Johnson, David Monson, Marvin E. Nelson

Citizen Members: Jeff Frith, Clif Issendorf, Richard Johnson, Sharon Lipsh, Randy Melvin

Staff Contact: Claire Ness, Counsel