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## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 7, 2021  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- 10:10 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- 10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the North Dakota Beef Commission, including its operations and the selection of commission members
- 10:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the fiscal and safety impacts of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements in North Dakota on the Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, and counties
- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, of a report regarding the status of the activities of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture, a report on the Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee, and testimony regarding the study of the North Dakota Beef Commission and the study of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements in the state
- 11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Nancy Jo Bateman, Executive Director, North Dakota Beef Commission, regarding the operations and membership of the beef commission, the amount of revenue generated by the beef checkoff, and the use of beef checkoff revenue
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 12:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Kerry Dockter, President, and Mr. Frank Tomac, Vice President, Independent Beef Association of North Dakota, regarding concerns with the membership of the North Dakota Beef Commission, the operations of the beef commission, and the beef checkoff system
- 1:05 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the North Dakota Beef Commission  
Additional [comments](#) by interested persons
- 1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dave Azure, Wildlife Refuge Manager, Arrowwood Wetland Management District, and Mr. Matt VanThuyne, Wildlife Refuge Manager, Devils Lake Wetland Management District, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, regarding general information and data on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service easement process, rules, and regulations
- 2:00 p.m. Break

- 2:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Mark Gaydos, Engineer, Environmental and Transportation Services Division, Department of Transportation, regarding general information, data, and the process of completing road construction projects in relation to impacted United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements
- 2:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dan Wogsland, Executive Director, North Dakota Grain Growers Association, regarding concerns with the impacts of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements on North Dakota taxpayers and infrastructure
- 2:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the impacts of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements in North Dakota
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

**Committee Members**

Senators: Randy D. Lemm (Chairman), Michael Dwyer, Jay R. Elkin, Robert O. Fors, Oley Larsen, Larry Luick, Janne Myrdal, Merrill Piepkorn, Terry M. Wanzek

Representatives: Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Chuck Damschen, Dori Hauck, Dennis Johnson, Dwight Kiefert, Dave Nehring, Kathy Skroch, Paul J. Thomas, Wayne A. Trottier, Bill Tveit

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