

MINUTES
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Burtenshaw, Vice Chairman Bayer, Senators Patrick, Den Hartog, Blair (Johnson), Zito, Ricks, Nelson, and Semmelroth

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Burtenshaw** called the meeting of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME: **Chairman Burtenshaw** welcomed Senators Semmelroth and Blair to the Committee and encouraged their participation.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Chairman Burtenshaw** introduce the Senate Page, Lyndsey Lewis of Dubois, Idaho, and pointed out that Ms. Lewis's father is an Idaho State Police trooper who previously served at the Statehouse. **Ms. Lewis** stated she plans to attend the University of Idaho and hopes to become an attorney and judge. In response to questions from the Committee, **Ms. Lewis** remarked she is most looking forward to learning about the law system. She added that her father has always advised her to be herself, and her hobbies include art and painting.

Senator Semmelroth introduced herself to the Committee and described her work at Boise State University and as a member of the ski patrol.

Senator Blair introduced himself to the Committee and gave an overview of his educational and farming background. He highlighted his research work on the use of drones and robotics in agriculture and recounted details about his family.

Chairman Burtenshaw commented that Senator Blair's agriculture experience will benefit the Committee. He added there are changes to how attendees will sign up to testify this year and he is gathering additional information. **Chairman Burtenshaw** announced that the Committee will not meet on Thursday, and the Committee's first duty will be rules review. He asked Committee members to provide input on Committee tasks for the Legislative Session.

Senator Nelson asked if all the rules are omnibus rules that could be reviewed in one day. **Chairman Burtenshaw** explained that most of the rules are unchanged from last year, but there are some new rule dockets, and he is developing a schedule.

Chairman Burtenshaw introduced the new Committee secretary, Jeanne Jackson-Heim.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Burtenshaw** adjourned the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Senator Burtenshaw
Chair

Jeanne Jackson-Heim
Secretary