

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** McCann

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Chairman Andrus welcomed the committee to the 2023 Legislative Session. Committee members introduced themselves and Chairman Andrus recognized Committee Page, **Jameson Harper**, from Kimberly, Idaho.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, January 16, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Agency Rulemaking Overview	Lloyd Knight, Administrator, ISDA
DOCKET NO 02-0425-2201	Rules Governing Private Feeding of Big Game Animals	Lloyd Knight
02-0104-2201	Rules Governing the Voluntary Idaho Preferred Promotion Program	Laura Johnson, Bureau Chief, ISDA
02-0404-2201	Rules for Artificial Dairy Products	Dr. Scott Leibsle, ISDA
02-0415-2201	Rules Governing Beef Cattle Animal Feeding Operations	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0417-2201	Rules Governing Dead Animal Movement and Disposal	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0429-2201	Rules Governing Trichomoniasis	Dr. Scott Leibsle

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MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash (Coberly), Roberts.

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to **approve** the minutes of January 10, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond**.

Lloyd Knight Administrator, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented an overview of ISDA Rules, explaining Zero Based Rulemaking (ZBR) is focused on the direction of the Executive Order. Each rule is effective on June 30, 2020, and shall be reviewed on a five year rotating schedule. All rulemakings have a published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and will have at least two negotiated rulemaking meetings. Rules are reviewed for relevance, compliance with authorizing statute, and obsolete, outdated or unnecessary requirements are removed.

DOCKET NO. 02-0425-2201: **Lloyd Knight**, ISDA, explained the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the ISDA both have a rule governing the feeding of wild cervids. **Docket No. 02-0425-2201** was facilitated by IDFG with the ISDA to evaluate the potential to consolidate regulations under IDFG. In order to prevent the spread of brucellosis and other diseases between big game animals to livestock, these rules apply to all persons who purposely or knowingly provide feed to big game animals within the area designated, except supplemental feeding activities conducted by, or emergency feeding authorized by the IDFG. The rule for wild game will reside with IDFG, and captive cervid rule will reside with ISDA.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0425-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0104-2201: **Laura Johnson**, Bureau Chief, ISDA, Market Development Division, explained the mission of Idaho Preferred is to connect Idaho agriculture producers with consumers, retailers, and food services to grow their marketplace. This is a voluntary program with 347 members. Sales of specialty crops in 2022 was \$37.3 million. The Idaho Preferred website is consumer facing, helps consumers learn what is produced locally and where it can be found. The rule delineates what qualifies as local, and that it has to contain agriculture.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0104-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0404-2201: **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0404-2201**, rules governing the process, sale, and distribution of artificial dairy products. The Department will issue and enforce a written stop sale order to the owner or custodian of any quantity of artificial dairy products that has been determined by the Department to be in violation. The order prohibits further sale, processing, or movement of artificial dairy products until the Department has evidence the law has been complied with.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0404-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0415-2201: **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, said this rule governs the storage and management of manure and nutrients produced on a beef Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) facility to minimize impact to public health and the environment. A CAFO is a lot or facility where slaughter and feeder cattle or dairy heifers are held and fed for a total of 45 days or more during any twelve month period. Beef CAFO's are required to maintain an up-to-date nutrient management plan which is reviewed annually. Manure and nutrients must be stored in an approved lagoon, is inspected twice per year, and land applied in an agronomic manner to the crop that will prevent run-off.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0415-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Nelsen, Pickett, McCann, and Raymond** invoked Rule 80.

DOCKET NO. 02-0417-2201: **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0417-2201**. This rule governs when, how, and where a livestock carcass can be disposed of to minimize the impact to public health and the environment. The carcass must be disposed of within 72 hours of knowledge of the death of the animal. It can be disposed of by burial, rendering, landfill, composted, chemical digestion, incineration, burning, or natural decomposition. It needs to be 300 feet from residences and water wells, 200 feet from surface water, 100 feet from public roadways, and 50 feet from property lines.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0417-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Boyle, Raymond, Pickett and Nelsen** invoked Rule 80.

DOCKET NO. 02-0429-2201: **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, Trichomoniasis (Trich), is a venereal disease of cattle causing, infertility and pregnancy loss, and outbreaks can devastate herds and grazing associations. Idaho Trich requirements say bulls must be tested and tagged annually by an accredited veterinarian. Exemptions include: virgin bulls less than 24 months of age need a tag only; Bulls in an approved feedlot (feedlot populated with cattle going directly to slaughter); and dairy bulls on dry lot. Bison are now exempt to venereal disease because of natural immunity and the procedure to collect a sample is dangerous.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0429-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Boyle, Raymond, Pickett, Garner and McCann** invoked Rule 80.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO	<u>Idaho State Department of Agriculture</u>	
02-0202-2201	Apple Grading and Storage	Jared Stuart
02-0633-2201	Organic Food Products	Jared Stuart
02-0602-2201	Registration and Licenses	Andrea Thompson
02-0605-2201	Plant Disease and Quarantines	Andrea Thompson

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0202-2201: **Jared Stewart**, Administrator of Agricultural Inspections, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented **Docket No. 02-0202-2201**, rules governing apple grading and storage. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service began as a request from industry to determine quality grades for buyers and sellers, and a way to provide customer service inspections for the Export Apple Act and Marketing Orders for other commodities. Standards describe the requirements for each grade of a commodity. Eleven different commodities are certified for over 10 billion pounds of produce each year. Commodities are inspected for the requested quality and condition, using official grade standards developed by USDA and ISDA.

In response to committee questions, **Lloyd Knight**, Rules Review Officer for the ISDA, said the incorporation by reference updates are made frequently to keep them current. If there is a small change, it goes back through the process.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0202-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-2201: **Jared Stewart**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0633-2201**, and explained this rule is being resubmitted in the 2023 Legislative Session as pending to correct a typo made in the 2022 Legislative Session publication. Changes and fees are supported by the Organic Advisory Organization, 2021.

In response to committee questions, **Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, ISDA, explained fees haven't been raised for 20 years, and this increase was approved in 2022.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0633-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gallagher** requested to be recorded as voting **Nay**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-2201: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-2201** regarding registration and licenses specific to general commercial feed, fertilizer, soil and plant amendment product registration and label requirements. The rules prevent the introduction or further dissemination of certain bee diseases and establish registration and collection of fees.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0605-2201: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0605-2201**, rules governing plant disease and quarantines. These quarantines provide for two primary services; First, the quarantines are in place to protect from the spread of pests and disease that can be harmful to the production of certain crops. Second, quarantine activities can be necessary to provide verification of disease or pest activities in order for Idaho grown crops to be eligible for export. There are no changes to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0605-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Raymond turned the gavel over to **Chairman Andrus**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Vice Chairman

Jayne Feik
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Preformance Presentation Idaho Department of Agriculture	Chanel Tewalt, Director, Idaho Dept of Ag
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture 2022	Garth Taylor, U of I Ag Economist

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called, the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2023, and January 18, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chanel Tewalt, Director, Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented performance measures, explaining the purposes for establishing the ISDA were to protect Idaho's crops and livestock from the introduction and spread of pests and transmittable diseases, provide a system for the marketing of agricultural commodities, and protect consumers. Plant health is responsible for registration, inspection of commercial feed, fertilizer, soil, plant amendments including pest exclusion, and prevention of noxious weeds and invasive species.

Ms. Tewalt explained Market development promotes Idaho food, beverage, and agriculture companies. Animal health regulates animal disease control and prevention programs through inspection, investigation and regulation of livestock, and movement of animals in intrastate, interstate and international commerce. Inspection functions inspects commodities for quality and condition at the shipping point, inspects and certifies organic operations, and all weighing devices and licensed warehouses. The four commodity commissions are; the Idaho Honey Advertising Commission, Idaho Hop Commission, Idaho Mint Commission, and Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board.

Dr. Garth Taylor, University of Idaho (U of I), Agricultural Economist, addressed the committee regarding the financial condition of Idaho Agriculture during the 2022 year. Idaho has the fifth largest agricultural GDP as a percentage of overall state GDP in the nation. The 2022 Idaho cash receipts are at an all time high of \$11 billion, up 28% from 2021 at \$8.6 billion. Milk has had a 290% growth since 1997. Food and agriculture now exceed micro chips in Idaho exports. Revenues include cash receipts from crop and livestock sales, inventory changes, the estimated value of home consumption, government payments, machine hire and custom work, forest product sales, and the imputed rental value of farm dwellings. Farm expenses include farm-origin inputs (purchased livestock, feed, and seed), manufactured inputs (fertilizers, fuel, and electricity), and "other inputs," including repairs and maintenance, machine hire and custom work, marketing, storage, transportation, and contract labor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, January 26, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Colleges programs, Ag Research and Extension Services	Dr. Michael Parrella, Dean College of Ag and Life Sciences

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Michael P. Parella, University of Idaho (U of I), Dean, College of Agricultural and Life Science (CALs), introduced **Brent Olmstead**, **Carly Schoepflin**, and **Barbara Petty** from the U of I, CALs, and reported on the Land Grant Mission, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and Extension and CALs enrollment status, capital projects faculty and staff retention/ turnover.

Dean Parrella explained the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) will be the country's largest and most advanced research center targeting the dairy and allied industries. The dairy will have a herd size of 2,000 animals and will be located in the heart of the state's dairy producing region. While research data generated at CAFE will have broad implications across the U.S., the semi-arid environment where most of Idaho's dairies are located will make CAFE's research indispensable in the water-constrained West. An accompanying soil health demonstration farm will explore long-term sustainability in the region by addressing water usage constraints and environmental quality while also supporting the dairy, livestock, cropland and food processing industries. Through applied research, teaching and Extension, CAFE will be a sustainable agriculture system focused on providing global solutions to ongoing issues facing agriculture, food, the environment and society now and for years to come. CALs will build a Deep Soil Ecotron to study soils at great depths. Scientists worldwide will use the facility to improve understanding of how deep soil organisms react to unprecedented conditions, how soil systems respond to agricultural practices and how well they sequester carbon.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, January 30, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Policy and Consulting	Dr. Gloria Totoricaguena

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Nelsen, McCann, Garner, Raymond, Cannon, and Boyle
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
Ken Day, JR Simplot Co., Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), said PNWER is a statutory, public-private partnership with the U.S., Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. **Branden Hardenbrook** explained the mission of PNWER is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens while maintaining and enhancing the natural environment. PNWER works to coordinate provincial and state policies throughout the region, and find ways to enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets. Idaho exports to Canada are pearls, gems, precious metals and jewelry, ores, slag and ash, fertilizers, live animals, wood, inorganic chemicals, vegetables, pasta, bread, cereal preparations, paper and paperboard. **Senator Winder** said PNWER is developing a plan for Canada and the United States governments to work together.
Rick Waitley, Food Producers of Idaho, introduced University of Idaho students and faculty from the Agriculture Economics Public Policy class.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 02, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO 24-3801-2200F	State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	Tim Frost, Deputy Occupational & Professional Licenses
	Idaho Potato Commission Audit Report	Jamey Higham, President/CEO
	Idaho Grape and Wine Commission	Roger Batt Moya Dolsby Mark Pasculli Mike Williamson, IGGWPC

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MINUTES
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TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Nash, Roberts, Cannon

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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023, January 26, 2023, and January 30, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond**.

DOCKET NO. 24-3801-2200F: **Tim Frost**, Deputy, Occupational and Professional Licenses, said no changes were made to **Docket No. 24-3801-2200F**.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3801-2200F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Raymond turned the gavel over to **Chairman Andrus**.

Jamey Higham, President/CEO, Idaho Potato Commission (IPC), stated their mission is to provide market development, production research, and promote potatoes grown in Idaho. Idaho has faced multiple years of drought and increased costs. Funding for research is critical in developing potato varieties which would consume less water, are heat tolerant, resistant to pests, and meet consumer expectations. Labor costs are closely tied in with inflation. Idaho agriculture is facing labor challenges, both with domestic and foreign-based labor. In response to committee questions, Mr. Higham explained Burbank russet potatoes are harder to grow and their water content is less than other potatoes, making them an ideal choice for french fries.

Roger Batt, Idaho Grape and Wine Commission (IGGWPC), Legislative Advisor, spoke to the committee regarding the history of wine in Idaho, and introduced **Moya Dolsby**, Executive Director. Ms. Dolsby said IGGWPC's values are to be inclusive, kind, clear, and respectful. The mission is to be the united voice to market, and promote and champion all Idaho's winegrowers and winemakers. Their mission is to sustain a growing wine industry respected for its committed growers and producers, passionate consumers, and distinctive wines. Idaho wines are of high quality and an important part of Idaho's economy.

Mike Williamson explained he is a fourth generation fruit grower from Sunny Slope. He said it takes about four years to get a full crop from planting. Grapes need about an acre and a half of water per acre. Labor costs include housing for labor, homestead houses, materials, post, wire, irrigation, fuel and land. The land resource is becoming scarce. **Mark Pasculli**, Rolling Hills Vineyard, spoke of the wine making process, the time from harvest to bottle, the cost per bottle of wine, and winery issues. From harvest to sell to consumers takes from 12 to 36 months.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 06, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30217	Relating to Noxious Weeds	Rep. Pickett
RS 30206	Regarding Commercial Animal Feed	Rep. Nelsen, Sen. Hart, Pam Eaton
	Amalgamated Sugar	Jessica Anderson , Public Affairs Manager
	Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association	Samantha Parrot, Exec. Dir. Doug Evans, Board Pres.

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MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30217: **Rep. Pickett** said **RS 30217** incorporates language defining when the individual notice to a landowner to control and eradicate noxious weeds is deemed satisfied and served. This clarification would prevent absentee landowners from arguing they were not present to receive service and prevent landowners from evading service. In response to committee questions, Rep. Pickett explained the eight day time limit is in Code. Informal notifications are given prior to this formal notification so every opportunity is given to the landowner to take care of the weeds.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to return **RS 30217** to sponsor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30217**. **Substitute Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30206: **Rep. Nelsen** spoke to **RS 030206** regarding commercial animal feed to allow animal remedies intended for pets and equines to contain ingredients from industrial hemp as defined in Idaho law. This legislation does not legalize industrial hemp ingredients being included in production animal feeds.

MOTION: **Rep. Nash** made a motion to introduce **RS 30206**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Jessica Anderson, Public Relations, stated Amalgamated Sugar's mission is to produce real sugar for the informed consumer and improve the economic experience for member-growers and employees. The vision is to enhance the enjoyment and function of food by producing real sugar in the most technologically advanced and socially responsible manner. She said real sugar, in the role and function in food, is not a problem, however, caloric intake and inactivity are often blamed on sugar. An anaerobic digester is being worked on to clean the water from the sugar. In addition to reducing smell, the water will be used to water crops and in the sugarbeet facilities.

Samantha Parrot, Executive Director, Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association (SRSGA), introduced **Doug Evans**, Board President. Sugarbeets, a root crop, are 18% sucrose and when fully grown, weigh two to five pounds. Planted in late March or the end of April, sugarbeets are harvested in late September and October. The beets must be harvested quickly or they rot on the ground. Sugarbeets are stored in 72 piling grounds across the region until processed. One sugarbeet contains one cup of sugar, four and a half cups of water, four tablespoons of molasses and 2.4 ounces of beet pulp. All of the sugarbeet is used, including the beet pulp for animal feed and more. Sugarbeets represent 55% of domestically produced sugar. Eleven states grow sugarbeets, with Idaho ranking second nationally in production. There are seven hundred family farms in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and they process seven million tons of sugarbeets. The mission and purpose of Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association is to support state and federal legislation advancing the agricultural industry, promoting research to improve sugarbeet growing practices and educate the general public about sugarbeets and benefits of agriculture.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, February 08, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Soil and Water Commission	Delwyne Trefz, Administrator
	Idaho Soil Conservation Districts	Devin Fielding
	Introductory Budget	Keith Bybee, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO
	U of I Ag Research and Extension Services	Nate Osborne, Analyst
	Idaho State Department of Agriculture	Alex Williamson, Analyst

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Raymond
Rep Boyle
Rep Cannon
Rep McCann
Rep Ehlers
Rep Gallagher

Rep Garner
Rep Nelsen
Rep Pickett
Rep Sauter
Rep Mathias
Rep Nash
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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Delwyne Trefz, Administrator, Idaho Soil and Water Commission (ISWC), explained the mission of ISWC is to assist private landowners in the conservation and enhancement of Idaho's natural resources by facilitating and coordinating local, state, and federal programs to implement locally led, voluntarily initiated, and non-regulatory conservation projects and programs. The Commission is governed by a board of seven commissioners who are appointed by the Governor to staggered five year terms, and they oversee the administrator who manages operations.

The Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP) provides technical support to participants in the Idaho Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and are responsible for developing Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans for agricultural and grazing land. The Commission's functions are district support, conservation services and programs, administration, outreach and education. From providing information about appropriate conservation practices to assisting with project implementation, grant writing, and navigating the requirements of funding programs, commission staff assist conservation districts to provide Idaho's private landowners with grass-roots level leadership in non-regulatory natural resources conservation.

Chairman Andrus put the committee at ease to clarify information with **Mr. Trefz**.

Chairman Andrus returned the committee to order.

Devin Fielding, President, ISWC, Idaho, explained conservation districts enter into agreements, acquire property, assist private land owners in conserving soil resources, preventing erosion and flooding, and implement water conservation measures. District funding is obtained from grants, contracts, state allocations and county allocations. Officials are elected and strive for voluntary, locally led, non-regulatory conservation in Idaho. Conservation districts seek partnerships between landowners, state and federal agencies, and serve as intermediaries and advocates for conservation on private ground in Idaho. Food production, forestry and mining account for about \$4.5 billion in Idaho's economy, and conservation ensures these vital natural resources will be available for generations to come.

Jill Randolph, Principle Budget & Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO), gave introductory remarks and outlined LSO services. LSO is nonpartisan staff and are employees of the legislature. The two known parts are the agency request which was submitted in September and the Governor's recommendation was available in January. LSO is equipped to answer questions about what is in the request and how the request was made.

Nate Osborne, Analyst, University of Idaho (UI), Budget and Policy, Agriculture Research and Extension Service (ARES), explained the function and budget of ARES agency profile. The University of Idaho's (UI) College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has a land grant mandated mission: education, research, and extension. The education component is funded through the UI's portion of the College and Universities' general education appropriation. Research and extension components are funded through specific appropriation to ARES. The Cooperative Extension Service has offices in 42 of Idaho's 44 counties, and operates under the leadership of faculty and staff specially trained to work with agriculture, 4-H programs, families, youth and communities. The education programs of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences faculty members are supported cooperatively by county, state, and federal funding. Extension offices are sorted into one of four districts headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Caldwell, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls. Appropriated funding provides base support for agricultural research and extension programming, and provides leverage for additional grant and contract funding for ongoing program needs.

Alex Williamson, Analyst, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), said the mission of the ISDA is to guarantee Idaho agricultural products are of high quality, disease-free, and meet federal and state laws, rules and regulations. The department protects consumers and producers from fraud and provides marketing assistance to the industry. There are eight budgeted programs: 1) The Administration Program coordinates accounting, payroll, legal, and personnel functions; 2) Animal Industries is responsible for veterinary services, range management, dairy laboratory and dairy inspection, animal laboratory, livestock inspection, egg inspection, and animal waste management; 3) Agricultural Resources protects public health, environment, livestock, and wildlife from possible adverse effects resulting from improper use of pesticides and fertilizers; 4) Plant Industries includes plant, fertilizer, and seed laboratories and programs, noxious weeds, the Honey Commission, and Invasive Species Program; 5) Agricultural Inspections include the Bureau of Shipping Point Inspections, Bureau of Warehouse Control, Retail Potato Program, Hops Program, Organic Foods Program, and Bureau of Weights and Measures; 6) The Marketing and Development Program assists Idaho food producers increase their profitability by enhancing marketing opportunities; 7) The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and Wildlife Services Program operates in Idaho under a memorandum of understanding with the Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board; 8) The Sheep and Goat Health Board provides a comprehensive program involving disease and predator control, and enables the sheep and goat industries to maintain high production standards and economic returns.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 94	NOXIOUS WEEDS - associated with certain notices.	Rep. Pickett
H 95	Commercial Feed Ingredients	Rep. Nelsen, Sen. Hart, Pam Eaton
	Idaho Dairymen's Association	Rick Naerabout, CEO

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Andrus	Rep Garner
Vice Chairman Raymond	Rep Nelsen
Rep Boyle	Rep Pickett
Rep Cannon	Rep Sauter
Rep McCann	Rep Mathias
Rep Ehlers	Rep Nash
Rep Gallagher	Rep Roberts

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Cannon

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

H 94: **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 94** amending language defining when the individual notice to a landowner to control and eradicate noxious weeds is deemed satisfied and served. This clarification would prevent absentee landowners from arguing they were not present to receive service, and clarification would prevent landowners from evading service.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 94** were **Michael Ottley**, Elba, Cassia County Noxious Weed; **Patxi Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Noxious Weed Control; **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau; some landowners choose not to receive letters and do not pick them up from the post office; one landowner sued the county; one said the postal service worker signed for the letter. Mr. Ottley explained he is not required to go to each landowner and notify them of the noxious weed notification.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 94** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 94** to the floor without recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 11 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner. Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep.(s) Andrus, Raymond, Boyle, Ehlers, Gallagher, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts. Rep. Cannon was absent/excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Andrus** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 94** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 95: **Rep. Nelsen** presented **H 95**, legislation regarding animal remedies for pets, specialty pets, and equines that include ingredients from industrial hemp. This would not legalize industrial hemp ingredients being included in production animal feeds.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 95** were **Pam Eaton**, President, Idaho Retail Association; **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau; many store owners would like to carry this product because of customer request.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 95** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rick Naerebout Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDS), said the IDA Board is producer-governed through the Board of Directors, elected by members, and the Board representation is driven by the number of farms in the Treasure Valley, Magic Valley, and Eastern Idaho. There are 376 dairies and 675,222 cows in this area. In terms of milk production, Idaho ranks third in the United States. Idaho dairy brought Idaho \$10.7 billion in total sales in 2022. The dairy industry represents 35% of the agricultural sector in Idaho, and 33,000 jobs. Idaho loses twenty five dairy farmers per year. Mr. Naerebout stated 89% of on-dairy jobs are filled by foreign-born labor. Without those jobs, none of the other dairy related jobs would exist.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 16, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Barley Commission	Laura Wilder, Executive Director
	Idaho Wool Growers	Liz Wilder, Director
	Idaho Sheep and Goat Commission	Emily Merrigan, Executive Secretary

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Mathias, Nash, Boyle, Nelsen, McCann

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Laura Wilder, Executive Director, Idaho Barley Commission (IBC) explained The Commission is self-governing and serves to enhance the profitability of Idaho barley growers through research, market development, promotion information and education. IBC is funded by Idaho barley growers and leads the nation in barley production. Idaho's altitude, high desert climate and agronomic conditions, including abundant irrigation water, make it an ideal location to grow a consistent, reliable supply of premium-quality barley, sought after by the malting industry, livestock feed, food barley and barley protein products.

Liz Wilder, Executive Director, Idaho Wool Growers Association (IWGA), said the purpose of this association, established in 1893, is to advocate for and promote Idaho's sheep industry through education, extension, funding new research, influencing politics and policies, improve lamb and wool marketing, and to benefit the economic prosperity of the Idaho sheep producers. The goal of IWGA is to foster, protect, and encourage the business of developing, raising and marketing sheep. Lambing begins in January and will be ready for processing at a time when inventory is at its lowest. There are 1447 shepherds and 220,000 sheep who call Idaho home. The IWGA owns an airplane based out of Gooding, Idaho and is leased to the U.S. Wildlife Services for animal depredation work.

Emily Merrigan, Executive Secretary, Idaho Sheep and Goat Commission (ISGB) stated the Commission has the responsibility of oversight and control of serious contagious disease of sheep and goats in Idaho as well as general support of the industry. Idaho is a top ten state in sheep and lamb population, with inventory at 220,000 head, down 4% from last year. The minimum of 694 sheep samples was met by Idaho in 2022, retaining the "Scrapie Consistent" status, and moved Idaho to a "Low Risk" scrapie state. Producers in Idaho lost 6,900 animals to predators, costing \$1.34 million in damages. Idaho estimated coyote population is 52,000 and caused 74% of predatory losses. Idaho inventory of milk goats is 6,400, up 6% from the previous year and all goat inventory is 28,000 head.

Chairman Andrus thanked **Jameson Harper** for his service as committee page.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 20, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Brand Board Rules Review	Cody Burlile, State Brand Inspector

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Gallagher

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Nash

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023, and February 14, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Cody Burlile, Idaho State Brand Inspector, explained the Board is responsible for ensuring the welfare of livestock and protection of the public from theft of branded animals. The role of the inspector includes inspecting, identifying, and verifying ownership of livestock as well as enforcing livestock laws and regulations. The inspector works closely with livestock producers, auction markets, and other stakeholders to ensure Idaho's livestock industry operates efficiently and legally. Idaho is home to more than 2.5 million cattle, and is one of nine states having more cattle than people. The dairy industry in Idaho is ranked number three in the nation, and the livestock industry is Idaho's second largest agriculture sector.

In the fiscal year 2022, the Idaho Brand Board had 2,322,179 total brand inspections, including 2,311,631 cattle and 10,548 horses. The stray recovery was 145 head valued at \$127,493. Other statistics for the year included: 17,784 brand recordings; 189 livestock dealers; and 588 livestock dealer representatives.

The target for complete implementation of the electronic Livestock Brand Inspection software platform was 95% in 2022 and the actual was 70%. Providing prompt service livestock to livestock owners was 98% actual with a target of 96%. Increasing public awareness of agency through training was an actual of 75% with a target of 85%. Processing new brand recordings in a timely manner actual was 95% and the target was 92%. Hold proceeds where ownership of livestock is questionable had an actual of 98% with a target of 98%.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
02-0801-2201	Sheep and Goat Rules	Emily Merrigan, Executive Secretary, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board
	Invasive Species	Lloyd Knight, ISDA Administrator

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep McCann
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Rep Gallagher

Rep Garner
Rep Nelsen
Rep Pickett
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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Roberts, Nash, Boyle

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023, and February 20, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
02-0801-2201:** **Emily Merrigan**, Executive Secretary, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, presented **Docket No. 02-0801-2201**. There are no changes to the pending fee rule and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Lloyd Knight, Administrator, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), introduced **Nick Zurfluh**, Section Manager, Invasive Species and Outreach, ISDA. Mr. Zurfluh explained four invasive species program areas: prevention, early detection, management and control, and education and outreach. Invasive plants can spread rapidly and are difficult to control, making them a significant challenge for the Division of Plant Industry in Idaho. Over 102,670 watercraft were inspected, with weeds found on 582. Effective management strategies, such as early detection and rapid response, are essential to prevent the spread of invasive species and protect Idaho's ecosystems. The Plants Division was approved for five additional staff for the Noxious weeds and Invasive Species programs.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

JOINT AGENDA
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AND
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
8:00 A.M.
Lincoln Auditorium
Thursday, February 23, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Grazing Improvement	Troy Forrest, Utah Dept. of Ag

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Andrus
Vice Chairman Raymond
Rep Boyle
Rep Cannon
Rep McCann
Rep Ehlers
Rep Gallagher

Rep Garner
Rep Nelsen
Rep Pickett
Rep Sauter
Rep Mathias (Woodings)
Rep Nash
Rep Roberts

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MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Nichols, Senators Foreman, Hart, Schroeder, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Semmelroth, Taylor

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Cannon, Nelsen, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Sen. Hartgen called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Rep. Raymond introduced **Troy Forrest**, Division Director, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), Grazing Improvement Program (GIP).

Troy Forrest, UDAF, GIP, explained the mission of the GIP is to improve the health and productivity of rangelands in Utah by providing ranchers and landowners with technical assistance and financial incentives to implement the sustainability of their grazing operations. This program follows several key principles of grazing management to improve the health and productivity of rangelands, including proper stocking rates to prevent overgrazing, rotational grazing to allow plants time to recover, strategic grazing to control invasive weeds, and water development to ensure adequate hydration for livestock and wildlife, and improved soil health. By encouraging these practices, the program aims to improve the health of the rangelands, watersheds, increased forage production, and to promote the economic viability of the state's livestock industry.

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Grazing Improvement Program is a valuable resource for ranchers and landowners looking to improve the sustainability and profitability of grazing operations while promoting the long-term health of Utah's rangelands.

Chairman Hartgen excused the House Agricultural Affairs Committee at 8:47 a.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Noxious Weeds	Lloyd Knight, Administrator, ISDA Jeremey Varley, Section Manager, Noxious Weeds
	Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission	Gretchen Hyde, Director

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Nelsen, Mathias, Nash

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023, and February 23, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Lloyd Knight, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), introduced **Jeremy Varley**, Section Manager, ISDA.

Mr. Varley explained ISDA operates a program to control noxious weeds involving monitoring for new infestations, mapping existing infestations, and implementing control measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. A plant is designated noxious in Idaho when it is considered to be injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property. Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush and hydrilla are found in lakes and rivers in Idaho. The program aims to protect natural ecosystems, agriculture, and other industries that may be impacted by these invasive plants. Controlling noxious weeds can be expensive, and involves ongoing management to prevent them from returning. Responsibilities to control noxious weeds lie with the state, county and private citizens.

Gretchen Hyde, Director, Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission (IRRC), said Idaho rangelands are made up of public, private and tribal lands where fences do not necessarily signify ownership. The ecosystems of rangelands are extensive and contain diverse habitats, woodlands and savannas, and non-cultivated lands. Rangelands cannot typically sustain farming because of low precipitation, shallow soils, and rugged topography. The challenges and opportunities of rangelands include drought, energy, production, growth and development, invasive species, livestock grazing, recreation, wildfires, and wildlife habitat. The IRRC works to ensure the public understands the value of public lands grazing. Livestock grazing provides food and fiber for the nation while providing fuel-load reduction to mitigate wildfires.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, March 02, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Seed	Roger Batt, Executive Direcutive, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association
	Idaho Bean Industry	Gina Lohnes, Trinidad Benham & Brad Smith, Kimberly Seeds
	Idaho's Popcorn, Onion Seed and Sweet Corn Seed Industries	Anita Kiser, Crookham Co. & Selena Virden, Illinois Foundation Seeds
	Idaho's Cover Crop Industry	Kevin Osborne, Allied Seed
	Seed Treatments	Richard Fillmore, The McGregor Company

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 02, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Nelsen, Sauter, Mathias, Nash

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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roger Batt, Executive Director, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association (IEOSA), said seed is the cornerstone of agriculture. In Idaho, seed is valued at approximately \$600 Million. The seed industry is proprietary in nature and develops the varieties, then growers' contract with the industry. Approximately 50 species of seed crops are produced in Idaho and hundreds of varieties from those seed species are produced. The state of Idaho is one of five major global seed production regions. Idaho is one of a very few places that can grow seed crops because of the arid landscape. Idaho ships to over 120 countries worldwide to help feed a global population.

Gina Lohnes, Trinidad Benham, said the dry bean acreage has significantly decreased over the years due to urban sprawl and other crops taking over the land. As a result, prices keep going up based on supply and demand. The Idaho Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) inspect crops to ensure they are disease-free. These inspections lead to tags and other distinguishing marks on the seed as it exits Idaho, which guarantees its disease-free status. Idaho dry bean production ranks fifth in the nation and supplies 8% of the country's edible dry beans. Idaho's seed is considered the best in the world, owing to strict Idaho seed laws and growing conditions enforced by the ICIA and the ISDA.

Brad Smith, Kimberly Seeds, provided a comprehensive summary of rules applying to bean growers, including specific requirements for Idaho-based farmers. These regulations cover a wide range of areas, such as tagging of seed prior to planting and the process for field inspection. There are specific criteria for seed eligibility, and a defined method of irrigation must be followed. While these rules apply to commercial bean growers, there is an exemption for home gardeners.

Anita Kiser, Crookham Co., discussed popcorn seed and onion seed. Idaho is the exclusive home of popcorn seed outside of the Midwest, having grown it for over a century. If you buy popcorn at the movie theater, there's 50% chance it was grown in Idaho. If the popcorn is colored, it's a guarantee it was grown in Idaho. Over half of popcorn seed grown in Idaho is exported worldwide. The only U.S. company that produces and sells onion seed is based in Caldwell, Idaho. Idaho's unique high mountain desert climate provides the ideal environment for growing onion seed as it has water and pollinators like bees which thrive in the state's conditions.

Selena Virden, Illinois Foundation Seeds, talked about sweet corn seed, saying the Treasure Valley is a high desert with low humidity, which contributes to less bacterial and fungal on sweet corn seed crops throughout the growing cycle. Minimal precipitation in the late summer and early fall allows the seed crops to dry down properly leading to less mechanical damage and better seed quality. There is low insect pressure compared to other areas in the United States. Approximately 70% of the world's Global Sweet Corn Seed Production is in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. Urban sprawl and development are encroaching and reducing some of the best seed production land available.

Kevin Osborne, Allied Seed, Idaho's Cover Crop Industry, Forage and Cover Crop Seed Production, defined a forage crop as one specifically grown to be grazed by livestock or preserved as hay or salvage. Idaho alfalfa ranks first in the U.S. for certified organic hay and is the second largest U.S. producer of alfalfa hay. Alfalfa constitutes more than 80% of Idaho's total hay production with over 4 million tons harvested annually. All major USA alfalfa seed genetic suppliers reside in Idaho with support for production and/or operations. Other forage seed crops are legumes, grasses and brassica. Cover crop benefits include nutrient cycling, weed suppression, compaction reduction, increased organic matter, erosion control, improved water infiltration and penetration, pollinator attractant, nematode control, bio-fumigation and carbon sequestration.

Richard Fillmore, The McGregor Company, explained seed treatments are fungicides, insecticides, bio-stimulants, micro-nutrients, polymers, colorants, or other seed applied products. Fungicides and insecticides protect the seed and young plant. Bio-stimulants and micro-nutrients help improve the vigor and emergence of the young plant. Polymers aid in increasing flowability and decreasing dust off (off target pesticide). Colorants signal the seed has been treated and differentiate varieties, treatments, or can be used for marketing purposes. Seed treatments prevent the spread of plant diseases by systemic and non-systemic MOA, protects seed from seedling rot and seedling blights, improves germination and provides protection from insects and pests.

Director Batt concluded saying loss of farm land means some seed companies are within 10 years of not being here. Uncertainty of irrigation water meant bean contractors couldn't plan and bean productions were down 50%. Products are needed to replace the ones the EPA has taken off the shelf.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 08, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Dairywest	Karrienne Fallow, CEO
	Idaho Wheat Commission	Britany Hurst Marchant, Idaho Wheat Commission

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 08, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Nelsen, Pickett, Nash

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023, and March 2, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Karrienne Fallow, CEO, Dairy West, Idaho Dairy Products Commission (IDPC), explained Dairy West is an organization representing dairy farmers in Idaho and Utah. Dairy promotions of today were created by farmers for farmers. Despite flat and low milk consumption, there has been an increase in the consumption of other dairy products, leading to a record high of 667 pounds of dairy per person per year in 2022. Almost all households in the US contain dairy products. Dairy West's mission is to build trust in dairy farming and dairy products and create global demand. To achieve this, Dairy West used shoppable digital marketing banners to promote locally-produced dairy products and achieved a \$6 Return on Ad Spend. High-volume and workforce limitations caused dairy out-of-stock items, and innovative solutions are being worked on. Dairy West also used Real Local Dairy messaging in stores to spotlight up to 80 locally made products.

Britany Hurst Marchant, Idaho Wheat Commission (IWC) said the Commission was established and funded by Idaho wheat growers and is a not-for-profit, self-governing state agency. The mission of the IWC is to develop markets for Idaho wheat growers, invest in the advancement of wheat research, and provide wheat grower education. An average of 1.2 million acres of wheat is planted each year and yields per acre are among the nations highest. Idaho is the only state in the US that grows five out of six classes of wheat. Half of Idaho's wheat crop goes to domestic mills and the other half is exported, primarily down the Columbia-Snake River System through the Port of Portland to customers in Asia and Latin America. Idaho boasts one of the most consistent and reliable wheat crops in the United States.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1036	Raw Milk	Senator Herndon
	Idaho Horse Council	Marjaliisa Waugh, Dan Waugh, Trails Committee

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Cannon, Pickett, Mathias

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1036: **Senator Herndon** presented **S 1036**, legislation to eliminate many of the herd share details for raw milk, which allow the Department of Agriculture flexibility to adjust those in rule making.

Robert Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association, spoke **in support** of **S 1036**. He was of the opinion the dairy industry is highly regulated, finished product is constantly tested and funds are going towards testing the safety of raw milk.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **S 1036** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion Carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gallagher** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dan Waugh, Trails Committee Chairman, presented a summary of the Idaho Horse Council. He advised Committee members of the projects the Idaho Horse Council is currently undertaking including brand and vaccination clinics, the Idaho State Non-Motorized Trails Committee, the Idaho Youth Horse Council and the Annual Horse Expo. He noted the annual economic impact of recreation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, March 16, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Veterinarian Task Force Report	Brent Olmstead, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, U of I Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation Dr. Mark McGuire, CALs Dr. Robert Collier, CALs
	Idaho Beef Council	TK Kuwahara, Idaho Beef Council

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias (Woodings), Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Cannon, Nash

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brent Olmstead, University of Idaho (U o I), Government Affairs, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs), presented a summary of the Legislative report on the Veterinary Needs Task Force, which highlighted the critical issue of the shortage of rural veterinarians in Idaho. The report discussed the adverse effects of this shortage and evaluated the current veterinary medicine program, Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU), along with other existing programs. The task force also made recommendations to address the issue.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, introduced **Emma Rae Parsons**, an intern from Arco. Mr. Jensen said Idaho is a livestock state, with an estimated number of food-animals of 2,762,000. Approximately 3-4% of new veterinary graduates enter food-animal related practice. High education costs, lower potential earnings, and increased injury risk are all hurdles for rural veterinarians. This has resulted in a shortage of rural veterinarians in Idaho. Idaho Farm Bureau Federation supports efforts to incentivize vet students studying large food animal medicine to practice in Idaho, and offers over \$100K in scholarships per year.

Dr. Mark McGuire, CALs, Associate Dean of Research, said a lack of veterinarians impacts the growth of Idaho's animal industries. The WIMU Veterinarian Degree Program funds out of state tuition at Washington State University for 44 residents annually, as well as faculty and operating expenses at U of I to teach food-animal rotations for WIMU students throughout Idaho. The estimated shortage of veterinarians in Idaho is 40 and growing.

Dr. Robert Collier, U OF I, CALs, Chair, Veterinary and Food Science, said the task force research looked at other successful programs, including Washington-Wyoming-Alaska-Montana-Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education and the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas. The recommendations are: Expand the program size from 11 to students 20; Initiate a Targeted Rural Veterinary Program (TRVP) for Idaho WIMU students; and Idaho WIMU students must pay back year of out-of state tuition if they do not locate to Idaho after graduation.

Dr. Leibsle, Idaho State Veterinarian, responded to committee questions regarding staggering the admissions process to those who may be considering going into production animal medicine, saying it would be difficult for a student to promise to become a production animal veterinarian after graduation.

TK Kuwahara, Idaho Beef Council, said the guiding statements and objectives are to expand global and domestic consumer demand for beef and to enhance the profitability of the Idaho beef industry through investments in strategic initiatives. The Idaho Beef Council Guiding Principle is to strive to be a respected and trusted beef marketing organization accountable to all Idaho beef producers and responsible for ensuring effective and efficient use of checkoff funds. The Council objectives are to: Grow consumers' trust in beef and Idaho beef production; Expand consumer's knowledge of the heritage and commitment to the sustainability of Idaho's multi-generational family farms and ranches; Increase demand for Idaho and Pacific Northwest beef in domestic and key export markets; Develop and inspire the next generation of Idaho beef industry stakeholders.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SCR 103	Rule Approval	Rep. Andrus
H 349	Herd Districts	Rep. Moyle, Rep. Andrus
	Ag Land Preservation	Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Roberts, Nash, Nelsen

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Vice Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

SCR 103: **Chairman Andrus** presented **SCR 103**, which states findings of the Legislature and for approval of fee rules of the Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses reviewed by the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee and the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **SCR 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Raymond turned the gavel over to **Chairman Andrus**.

H 349: **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 349** to modify current legislation to exempt livestock owners from liability for any harm caused by their animals if they roam from an open range to a herd district, except when the district is secured with fences, cattle guards, and cattle gates.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to send **H 349** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, proposed the Agricultural Protection Area Act to safeguard land and allow for the removal of land, while restricting local regulations and addressing nuisances, eminent domain, and the agricultural lands protection fund. This policy prioritizes preserving agriculture through voluntary agreements and positions. Under this act, each county and municipality in Idaho can receive applications for the creation of agricultural protection areas aimed at safeguarding and conserving farmland. The establishment of these areas will be overseen by a governing body, and the application process and criteria for granting land to be included in an agricultural protection area will also be determined by the governing body. The policy recognizes the voluntary nature of these agreements. The county's soil and water conservation district board of directors will serve as the agriculture protection area board. An emergency provision and an effective date are also included.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Kevin Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary