

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 12, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:10 AM*

Adjourned: *10:20 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Shipley-CH, Brown-VC, Hart-RM, Kinney,
Rozenboom; Representatives Mommsen-CH, Zumbach-VC, Ourth-RM, Bacon,
Isenhardt, Paustian, Prichard, Steckman

Absent:

Excused: Representative Hein

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Mommsen in room 203. Roll was called with all legislators present except Representative Hein.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee rules were distributed. A motion was made by Representative Mommsen to approve the rules of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. It was seconded by Senator Rozenboom. Deb Kozel with the Legislative Services Agency discussed the governor's budget recommendations from a handout distributed previous to the meeting. Information was as follows:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Department of Ag and Land Stewardship: The Governor recommends appropriations totaling \$25.3 million from the General Fund for the Department for FY 2018. This is an increase of \$2.7 million (10.8%) compared to Estimated FY 2017. This change includes:
 - A decrease of \$952,000 (5.7%) to the Administrative Division for FY 2018.
 - An increase of \$3.7 million for the Water Quality Initiative for FY 2018
 - The Governor also recommends a deappropriation of \$953,000 from the Department's FY 2017 budget, for total FY funding of \$21.6 million.
 - Department of Natural Resources: The Governor recommends appropriations totaling \$14.7 million from the General Fund for the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2018. This is a decrease of \$651,000 (4.4%) compared to Estimated FY 2017. The Governor is recommending a deappropriation of \$651,000 from the Department's FY 2017 budget, for total FY funding of \$14.7 million.

Deb Kozel also shared that the budget book will be available next week.

Representative Mommsen called for any questions.

Matt Gronewald from the Department of Agriculture expressed the excitement for the upcoming discussion on water quality and the increased funding.

Representative Mommsen shared that the future meetings would be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only, with the exception of next week with no meeting on Tuesday. He also stated that committee legislators should expect several presenters in the future.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, Representative Mommsen moved to arise.

Representative Norlin Mommsen

Cassie Bond, Committee Secretary