

\*House Committee\*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: *February 21, 2017*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *1:50 PM*

### Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Hein-CH, Holz-VC, Prichard-RM, Baltimore, Baudler, Baxter, Bearinger, Cohoon, Hall, Hanson, Isenhardt, Kearns, Kerr, Klein, Maxwell, Mommsen, Ourth, Paustian, Sexton, Sieck, Wills, Zumbach

Absent:

Excused: Representative Miller

Chair Hein called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. The clerk called roll and quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting stood approved.

The Chair assigned bills:

[HSB 135](#)-A bill for an act relating to water quality by providing for appropriations from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund, creating a water quality infrastructure fund, establishing new water quality programs, providing for cost-share programs for infrastructure on agricultural land under the water quality initiative, creating a state water service excise tax and a related sales tax exemption, making appropriations and other changes properly related to water quality, and including retroactive applicability provisions. **Chair-Representative Baltimore, Representative Hein, Representative Prichard.**

[HSB 134](#)-A bill for an act providing for certain court actions involving an allegation of a public or private nuisance or the interference with a person's comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property caused by an animal feeding operation, providing for the award of damages, costs, and expenses, and including effective date provisions. **Chair-Representative Baltimore, Representative Paustian, Representative Cohoon.**

[HSB 140](#)-A bill for an act extending the beginning farmer tax credit program and appropriations used to support the program, including the agricultural assets transfer tax credit and the custom farming contract tax credit. **Chair-Representative Kerr, Representative Zumbach, Representative Ourth.**

[HF 316](#)-A bill for an act providing for the creation of regional water authorities and regional water authority boards to assume the powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of certain water utilities, and including effective date provisions. **Chair-Representative Klein, Representative Baudler, Representative Hall.**

[HF 328](#)-A bill for an act exempting certain soil and water conservation practices from being considered as the practice of engineering. **Chair-Representative Klein, Representative Wills, Representative Miller.**

[HSB 120](#)-A bill for an act providing for the department of agriculture and land stewardship's administration of certain functions, relating to forest and fruit tree reservation requirements, the name of the state soil conservation committee, financing of soil conservation and water quality practices, the health of agricultural animals, issuance of two-year licenses and the collection of related fees imposed upon persons engaged in the marketing of agricultural animals and mining operations, license fees imposed upon pesticide dealers, tickets for delivering commodities in bulk, labeling of motor fuel pumps dispensing certain ethanol blended gasoline, the use of scales, providing for penalties, making penalties applicable, and including effective date

provisions. **Chair-Representative Maxwell, Representative Hanson, Representative Kerr.** [HF 327](#)-A bill for an act regulating the stockpiling of certain effluent from animal feeding operations and animal truck wash facilities, providing for penalties, and making penalties applicable. **Chair-Representative Sexton, Representative Ourth, Representative Mommsen.**

The Chair called the meeting into recess at 1:10 pm. Republicans and Democrats went to caucus. The Republicans and Democrats returned from caucus at 1:30 pm. Chair Hein called the meeting back to order at 1:31 pm.

Chair Hein recognized Representative Holz for opening remarks on [HSB 86](#). The Representatives discussed and asked questions. Representative Holz made closing remarks and moved the bill. [HSB 86](#) passed as a committee bill with votes of 18 ayes-4 nays (Cohoon, Hall, Isenhardt, Kearns)-1 absent (Miller).

Chair Hein recognized Representative Zumbach for opening remarks on [HSB 87](#). The Representatives discussed and asked questions. Representative Zumbach made closing remarks and moved the bill. The bill passed as a committee bill with votes of 22 ayes-0 nays-1 absent (Miller).

With no further business to come before the committee Representative Hanson moved to arise at 1:50 pm.

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Representative Lee Hein

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Benjamin Dirks, Committee Secretary