

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: ***March 19, 2019***

Location: ***RM 22***

Convened: ***2:30 PM***

Adjourned: ***3:15 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Rozenboom-CH, Shipley-VC, Hogg-RM, Behn, Boulton, Celsi,
Cournoyer, Kapucian, Lykam, Segebart, Smith, J., Sweeney, Zumbach

Absent:

Excused:

Meeting came to order at 2:31 pm.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senators not present excused until their arrival.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom announced the minutes from the last meeting which were distributed electronically. Chairman Senator Rozenboom asked the committee members if there are any needed changes to the minutes. Seeing none, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

The Governor Appointment Assignments were distributed to committee members. Chairman Senator Rozenboom announced the due date for subcommittee reports on these assignments as March 27, 2019.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom announced two groups present during today's committee meeting: Southfork Watershed Alliance and Governor Appointees to be considered for the Natural Resource Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Sweeney for the introduction of the presenters from Southfork Watershed Alliance. Senator Sweeney introduced members of the Southfork Watershed Alliance Board of Directors: Jo Baumann, Melissa Miller, and Bill Belden.

Members from Southfork Watershed Alliance Board of Directors presented information to the committee regarding farmer-led watershed efforts.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion and questions.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for comments of recognition and appreciation for the work done by the alliance.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg for questions. Presenters responded.

Seeing no further questions and discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Sweeney who thanked the presenters for coming and sharing information with the committee.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Celsi for one more additional comment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom again thanked members from Watershed Alliance Board of Directors.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom welcomed Marcus Branstad and Laura Foell, nominated by Governor Reynolds for the Natural Resource Commission.

Laura Foell introduced herself, emphasizing her background and some of her goals for Iowa along with the excitement she feels due to the possibility of serving on the commission.

Marcus Branstad introduced himself, emphasizing what he's learned serving on the commission along with his passion and respect for the outdoors.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion and questions.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg for questions. Ms. Foell and Mr. Branstad responded.

Seeing no further questions and discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom thanked the Governor Appointees for coming and sharing information with the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Senator Ken Rozenboom

Gina Ten Pas, Committee Secretary