

\*Senate Committee\*

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Date: *March 21, 2019*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *1:05 PM*

Adjourned: *1:30 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Rozenboom-CH, Shipley-VC, Behn, Celsi, Cournoyer, Kapucian, Lykam, Smith, J., Zumbach

Absent:

Excused: Senators Hogg-RM, Boulton, Segebart, Sweeney

Meeting came to order at 1:03 pm.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senators Boulton, Hogg, Segebart, and Sweeney are 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.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom announced a hearing with Governor Appointments to be considered for the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC): Stephanie Dykshorn, Amy Echard (via teleconference), Tim Kaldenberg, and Ralph Lents.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Mr. Lents who introduced himself, emphasizing his farming background and the Boards he serves on.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Amy Echard (via teleconference) who introduced herself, emphasizing her employment at a local coop and farming business.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion and questions regarding Ms. Echard.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Tim Kaldenberg who introduced himself, emphasizing his calf operation and family farm business.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Stephanie Dykshorn who introduced herself, emphasizing her military background, the century farm she helps operate, and the Boards she serves on.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion and questions.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach who commented on the importance of the EPC and asked questions. Ms. Dykshorn, Mr. Kaldenberg, and Mr. Lents responded.

Senator Zumbach asked an additional question specific to Mr. Lents. The Appointee responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for questions. The Appointees responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach who asked another question specific to Mr. Lents. The Appointee responded sharing his experiences he's had during his service on the EPC.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Shipley who asked a question. The Appointees responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn who asked a question specifically to Mr. Kaldenberg. The Appointee responded.

Seeing no further questions and comments, Chairman Senator Rozenboom thanked Ms.

Dykshorn, Mr. Kaldenberg, and Mr. Lents for coming and sharing information about themselves during the committee meeting. Chairman Senator Rozenboom excused the guests. Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn who gave opening comments on Marcus Branstad for the Natural Resource Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for closing comments.

Governor Appointee, Marcus Branstad being considered for the Natural Resource Commission, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer who gave opening comments on Laura Foell for the Natural Resource Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart who gave further positive comments regarding the experience he has had with Ms. Foell.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for closing comments.

Governor Appointee, Laura Foell being considered for the Natural Resource Commission, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart and then Senator Lykam who gave opening comments regarding Karen Andeweg for the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Lykam for closing comments.

Governor Appointee, Karen Andeweg being considered for the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Shipley for opening comments on Mark Cobb for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator J. Smith who gave positive comments regarding Mr. Cobb.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Shipley for closing comments.

Governor Appointee, Mark Cobb being considered for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for opening comments on Gary Langbein being considered for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for comment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator J. Smith for comment.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for closing comments on Gary Langbein.

Governor Appointee, Gary Langbein being considered for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for opening comments on Brian Wiegert being considered for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for closing comments on Mr. Wiegert.

Governor Appointee, Brian Wiegert being considered for the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Commission, passed unanimously on a short form voice vote and was moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

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Senator Ken Rozenboom

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Gina Ten Pas, Committee Secretary