

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: ***February 4, 2020***

Location: ***RM 22***

Convened: ***1:05 PM***

Adjourned: ***2:00 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused: Senator Behn

Meeting came to order at 1:05 pm.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senator Behn was excused due to his daughter's deployment. All other Senators not present 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 January 22, 2020 are 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 February 11, 2020.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom introduced members of the 2020 Iowa State Parks Centennial, Todd Coffelt and Julie Tack. Mr. Coffelt and Ms. Tack presented information to the committee regarding the celebratory events in honor of the last 100 years of Iowa State Parks.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion and questions.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senators Sweeney, Hogg, Cournoyer, J. Smith, and Zumbach who all gave thanks for the efforts of "Parks 2020" while drawing attention to the state parks in their respective districts.

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

Chairman Senator Rozenboom welcomed and introduced Governor Appointment, Kayla Lyon, to be considered for the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ms. Lyon emphasized her dairy farming background, her family, and her agricultural career path. Ms. Lyon emphasized her passion for the outdoors and drew attention to several experiences throughout her various roles while working collaboratively with others. Moving forward, she would like to continue focusing on projects with multiple benefits while engaging future generations.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor for questions and comments.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for comments regarding the lion mountain population. Ms. Lyon responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Celsi for questions regarding water quality. Ms. Lyon responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg for questions regarding fellow DNR employees, empowering people to do things, impaired water list, nutrient reduction strategy, manure spills, and living next to animal confinements. Ms. Lyon responded emphasizing her leadership by example, strong work ethic with the resources allotted, efficiency in working with

other entities, and her position in working in a regulatory agency.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who thanked Ms. Lyon for her hands-on experience with all the various programs and asked her questions regarding her goals, whether or not there should be more or less public land, and her comments on the “IWill” formula proposal. Ms. Lyon responded, drawing attention to areas with opportunity, responsible management of the land, and an extension for Resource Enhancement and Protection.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for comments on Ms. Lyon, emphasizing her efforts in Scott County and drawing attention to the increased interest in trap shooting.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for comments on the use of technology partnering with the DNR, access to land, and becoming more interactive between “country cousins” and “urban neighbors”.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom made comments, making recommendation for education on the impaired water process while emphasizing bacteria as a common culprit.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach who provided comments regarding cooperation between public and private land ownership.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Lykam for a brief comment regarding the positive efforts of the DNR.

Seeing no further questions or discussions, Chairman Senator Rozenboom thanked Kayla Lyon for her participation and announced her introduction to the entire Senate planned for tomorrow morning.

Senator Sweeney motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Senator Ken Rozenboom

Gina Ten Pas, Committee Secretary