

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Agriculture Rep. Julie Alexander Chair

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:00 PM Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Agriculture was called to order by Chair Alexander.

The Clerk read a letter from House Speaker Jason Wentworth which appointed members of the House Agriculture Committee.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Eisen, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri. Absent: None. Excused: None.

Representative Posthumus moved to adopt Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m., in room 326 of the House Office Building, as the day, time, and location for the regularly scheduled meetings of the House Agriculture Committee. The motion prevailed 10-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Eisen, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri. Nays: None. Pass: None.

The Chair stated that the House Agriculture Committee will follow Chapter IV, stated in the House Standing Rules, which were adopted on the House Floor.

Director Gary McDowell, Food and Dairy Division Director Tim Slawinski, and Nathan Kark, all representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, provided a presentation on A General Overview of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Michigan Food Establishments Licensing Process and Current COVID Orders. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Daniel Haplerin, a public health epidemiologist, provided a presentation on his current research regarding transmission of COVID-19. Questions and discussion followed.

Director Gary McDowell and Director Tim Slawinski approached to answer further questions from committee members.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Julie Alexander adjourned the meeting at 4:29 PM.

Representative Julie Alexander, Chair

Dakota Soda Committee Clerk dsoda@house.mi.gov