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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Monday June 29, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Roto-Z Dairy  
3364 Mushroom Road  
Snover Michigan 48472

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Rendon, Courser, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Representatives Outman, Vaupel, Talabi, Garrett.

Representative Franz made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Muxlow and Greg Alexander, Sanilac County Drain Commissioner, gave a presentation on agricultural drainage.

Russell Talaski and Scott Everett, representing the Michigan Land Improvement Contractors Association, testified before the committee on tile and drainage issues.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4604 (Brett Roberts) Natural resources; soil and erosion; soil erosion and sedimentation permit process; provide exemption for certain agricultural practices.

Representative Roberts introduced his bill to the committee.

Matt Smego and Laura Campbell, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in support of HB 4604.

Russell Talaski and Scott Everett, representing the Michigan Land Improvement Contractors Association, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4604, but did not wish to speak.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4604, but did not wish to speak.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 2:45 p.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair  
Kevin Gawronski, Acting Committee Clerk  
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