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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 9:00 a.m. Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Gary Howell, Chair.

The Chair laid before the committee the Speaker's appointment letter.

The Clerk read the following letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tom Leonard, to Gary L. Randall, Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives:

January 26, 2017

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I appoint the following Members of the 99th Legislature to the Standing Committees for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session:

Natural Resources

Reps. Howell (C), LaFave (Maj. VC), Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela (Min. VC), Chang, Sowerby

Sincerely,

Tom Leonard, Speaker
Michigan House of Representatives

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee Rule 33 (5), to adopt a meeting schedule.

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Representative LaFave moved to adopt Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 326 of the House Office Building as the day, time and location for the regular meeting schedule for the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby. (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The meeting schedule was adopted.

The Chair asked each committee member to introduce himself or herself.

The Chair laid before the committee an overview presentation of the Department of Natural Resources.

Keith Creagh, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, asked the following staff members in his department to stand to be introduced to the committee membership:

Trevor J. VanDyke, J.D., Director of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office,

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office,

Brooke Parmalee, Legislative Assistant and Freedom of Information Act Coordinator in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office,

Russ Mason, PH.D., Chief of the Wildlife Division, and

Erik Eklund, Chief Budget Officer.

Following his introduction of his staff, Director Creagh proceeded with his presentation on "Managing Michigan's Natural Resources." Questions followed. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached to the minutes.

The Chair laid before the committee Chapter IV of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives in Accordance with the Michigan Constitution Article IV, Section 16.

The Chair made the members aware the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources will follow the Uniform Committee Rules, Rule 34, adopted by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, and "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" as the operating rules for this committee.

The Chair asked each member of the committee's support staff to introduce himself or herself to the committee members.

The Chair recognized Senator Tom Casperson from the Thirty-eight Senate District and the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

There being no other business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Gary Howell, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee