

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development/Natural Resources

DATE: March 12, 2024

Chair Brixie called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, Mentzer, Borton, and Alexander were present.

Representative McKinney moved to adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting. The motion was adopted without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony on by Michigan State University on the Agricultural Climate Resiliency Program:

- MSU AgBioResearch Director, Dr. George Smith
- MSU Extension Director, Dr. Quentin Tyler
- Jeanie Igl, Hawkins Homestead
- Raul Gomez, Wunsch Farms
- Ben Schilling, Schilling Family Farms

Drs. Smith and Tyler advocated for additional funding for MSU's program.

The subcommittee also received cards in support of the program from Chuck Lippstreu, Michigan Agribusiness Association; Maureen Watson-Bolger, Michigan Corn Growers Association; and Peter Lemmer, Greenstone Farm Credit.

Copies of the MSU presentation are included in the official minutes and are posted to the HFA website.

Chair Brixie adjourned the meeting, without objection, the time being 10:15 AM.