

## MINUTES

### **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development/Natural Resources**

**DATE: March 9, 2021**

Chair Allor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Representatives Allor, Beson, Yaroch, Maddock, Borton, Hood, and Johnson were present.

Representative Hood moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting; the motion was approved without objection.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Gina Alessandri, Industrial Hemp Program Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), on MDARD's Industrial Hemp regulatory program. Copies of the MDARD PowerPoint presentation are included in the official minutes maintained by the [House Fiscal Agency](#).

Ms. Alessandri was joined by MDARD Legislative Liaison, Nathan Kark. He noted that amending legislation governing the industrial hemp program, Senate Bill 186, was up in House Agriculture committee this week. <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2021-SB-0186>

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Tim Slawinski, MDARD Food and Dairy Division Director, on the department's regulatory program for retail specialized meat processing, and the requirement apply for variances. There was not a formal PowerPoint or handouts.

Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Allor adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 10:00 AM.