

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development

DATE: February 15, 2018

Chairman Victory called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand were present.

Representative Hoadley moved to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting – with appropriate corrections. The motion carried by voice vote without objection.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation by Jamie Clover Adams, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The presentation provided an overview of MDARD programs and accomplishments as well as a description of the Governor's proposed FY 2018-19 budget. A copy of the director's PowerPoint presentation, and other handouts, are included in the official minutes in the House Fiscal Agency files.

The subcommittee then heard an overview of the proposed FY 2018-19 MDARD budget from the House Fiscal Agency.

Representatives Pagel and Victory expressed concern about standards used in certain fresh produce inspection programs – whether standards were realistic and achievable.

Representative Victory expressed concern about certain chemical contaminants (PFCs and PFOA, and PFOS) that may be present in bio-solids.

Representative LaGrand expressed concern about elimination of funding for the Wildlife Risk Mitigation program and risk associated with Chronic Wasting Disease.

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM without objection.