

DRAFT MINUTES

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
Agriculture and Rural Development**

DATE: March 22, 2018

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

Representative LaSata moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

The Chair offered a substitute for House Bill 5568 (H-1), Draft 1. Representative LaSata moved to adopt the substitute. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, and Hoadley, voted in support of the motion; the motion was adopted. [Representative LaGrand was not present at that time.]

The House Fiscal Agency provided an overview of the bill and proposed MDARD budget. Copies of the bill and HFA analysis documents are included in the official subcommittee meeting file in the House Fiscal Agency.

Representative Hoadley offered Amendment #1 to add a new “Groundwater mapping - \$100” line item within the Environmental Stewardship appropriation unit.

Chair Victory asked Representative Hoadley if he would be willing to revise the amendment to reduce the GF/GP appropriation for Environmental stewardship/MAEAP by a like amount. Representative Hoadley agreed. Because the revised amendment was not in writing, the clerk clarified with all members that the motion was to establish a new \$100 GF/GP line item for “Groundwater mapping” and to reduce the GF/GP funding for Environmental stewardship/MAEAP by \$100 – resulting in no change to the bill’s totals, subtotals, or GF/GP total. All members indicated that they understood the motion under consideration.

Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand voted in support of the motion; the amendment was adopted.

Representative Whiteford moved to report the bill, as amended, to the full committee on Appropriations. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand voted in support of the motion; the motion was adopted. [After inclusion of the amendment, the bill will be transmitted to the clerk of the House Committee on Appropriations as House Bill 5568 (H-1), Draft 2.]

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Minutes taken by William Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency
Approved