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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development

DATE: March 8, 2018

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

Representative Whiteford moved to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2018. The motion carried by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Lori Phelan, representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, and Deena Bosworth, Michigan Association of Counties, on the history and activities of local conservation districts. A copy of the presentation is included in the official minutes at the House Fiscal Agency.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Jim Johnson, Director, MDARD Environmental Stewardship Division (ESD), and John Switzer, MDARD Conservation Programs Manager on MDARD partnership with local conservation districts. A copy of the presentation is included in the official minutes at the House Fiscal Agency.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Jim Johnson, and Abigail Eaton, on MDARD Water Withdrawal Program. A copy of the presentation is included in the official minutes at the House Fiscal Agency.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Jordon Polaskey, on MDARD Laboratory Division Programs. A copy of the presentation is included in the official minutes at the House Fiscal Agency.

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