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## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the October 7, 2021, meeting](#)

10:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman

### BEEF COMMISSION STUDY

10:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding the use of elections and other processes to determine the membership of agricultural commodity groups

10:25 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the North Dakota Beef Commission

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Senator Myrdal of a bill draft [\[23.0015.01000\]](#) to repeal North Dakota Century Code Section [4.1-01-11](#), regarding the advisory committee on sustainable agriculture

### REPORTS

10:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sarah Lovas, Chair, State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, and Mr. Greg Lardy, Vice President for Agricultural Affairs, North Dakota State University, of an annual report evaluating the results of the research activities and expenditures of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education

11:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ron Henke, Deputy Director for Engineering, Department of Transportation, of reports on road trains and long combination vehicle operations

11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Senator Luick regarding the viability and safety of long combination vehicles in the state

12:15 p.m. Recess

1:15 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of a [report](#) prepared by the Department of Transportation regarding information collected from transportation network companies pursuant to Section 39-34-05

### UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EASEMENTS STUDY

1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dana Larsen, County Engineer, Ward County Highway Department, regarding general information, data, and the process of completing road construction projects in relation to impacted United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements

1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Jayne Esch, Attorney, Rinke Noonan Law Firm, regarding litigation, suggestions on how best to protect landowners and the state, and other issues relating to United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements

2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the impacts of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements in North Dakota

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

2:35 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.**

### **Committee Members**

Senators: Randy D. Lemm (Chairman), Michael Dwyer, Jay R. Elkin, Robert O. Fors, Oley Larsen, Larry Luick, Janne Myrdal, Merrill Piepkorn, Terry M. Wanzek

Representatives: Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Chuck Damschen, Dori Hauck, Dennis Johnson, Dwight Kiefert, Dave Nehring, Kathy Skroch, Paul J. Thomas, Wayne A. Trottier, Bill Tveit

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