



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AND ASSETS BY FOREIGN ADVERSARIES IN NORTH DAKOTA STUDY

10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Senator Kevin Cramer, North Dakota, regarding the role of the federal government in regulating foreign adversaries in the United States

10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Micah Brown, Staff Attorney, National Agricultural Law Center, regarding introduced and enacted state legislation relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land

11:20 a.m. Public comment

PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, regarding past, current, and prospective disbursements from the environmental impact mitigation fund; a progress report of the proposed administrative rules relating to the mitigation of environmental impacts during the construction or operation of energy conversion or transmission facilities; and a progress report of the Model Zoning Ordinance Task Force

12:15 p.m. Recess

MITIGATION PLANS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF ENERGY CONVERSION OR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES STUDY

1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Ryan Henning, Vice President of Environmental, Apex Clean Energy, relating to the wind energy industry's role regarding mitigation plans for the siting and operation of energy conversion or transmission facilities

1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dustin Jones, Senior Manager, Central Region Lead, Environmental Services, NextEra Energy Resources, relating to the wind energy industry's role regarding mitigation plans for the siting and operation of energy conversion or transmission facilities

1:55 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Carlee McLeod, Government Relations and External Affairs, Minnkota Power Cooperative, relating to the electric power cooperatives' role regarding mitigation plans for the siting and operation of energy conversion or transmission facilities

2:15 p.m. Public comment

**TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL
FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM STUDY**

2:25 p.m. Distribution of a [legislative proposal](#) from Mr. Jon Godfread, Insurance Commissioner, relating to the creation of a land use tracking tool for National Flood Insurance Program purposes

2:40 p.m. Break

COMMITTEE WORK

2:50 p.m. Discussion of legislator proposals regarding the committee's study of ownership of property and assets by foreign adversaries

3:45 p.m. Public comment

3:55 p.m. Staff directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Representatives: Paul J. Thomas (Chairman), Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Hamida Dakane, Scott Dyk, Dori Hauck, Jeff A. Hoverson, Dwight Kiefert, David Monson, SuAnn Olson, Mitch Ostlie, JoAnne Rademacher, Bill Tveit

Senators: Cole Conley, Greg Kessel, Randy D. Lemm, Larry Luick, Janne Myrdal, Terry M. Wanzek, Mark F. Weber, Kent Weston

Staff Contact: Dustin A. Richard, Counsel