## OHIO SENATE Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes March 28, 2023 135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources was called to order at 4:00 PM in the North Hearing Room of the Ohio Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

Since this was the first meeting of the committee for the 135th General Assembly, there are no previous minutes available.

Chairman Schaffer welcome members and the audience to the first meeting of the committee. Members introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their districts. Chairman Schaffer introduced staff for the committee as well.

Chairman Schaffer reviewed the rules and protocols of the committee.

Chairman Schaffer called the committee's attention to the governor's appointment for the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Brian Baldridge, that was before the committee. Director Baldridge testified before the committee and questions and comments were heard.

Chairman Schaffer asked what the pleasure of the committee was on the governor's appointment.

Vice Chairman Landis moved to approve the governor's appointment.

The governor's appointment of Director Brian Baldridge was approved by a vote of four affirmative votes and 0 negative votes (Hicks-Hudson excused absent) and was reported to the committee on rules and reference.

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Bill 13 for its first hearing and sponsor testimony.

State Senator Frank Hoagland testified before the committee as the sponsor of the bill. Questions and comments from the committee were heard.

Testimony on Senate Bill 13 concluded and constituted as the first hearing on Senate Bill 13.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 4:16PM.