

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes
May 3, 2023
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources was called to order at 9:00 AM in the Finance Hearing Room of the Ohio Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the May 2 meeting was reviewed and approved by the committee without objection.

Chairman Schaffer called up House Bill 33, sponsored by Representative Edwards for its fourth informal hearing for invited and public testimony.

The following organizations and individuals testified on the bill in front of the committee:

1. Kathleen Madden, Director (Ohio Department of Administrative Services), Proponent
2. Patricia Harris, Commissioner (Ohio Department of Taxation), Proponent
3. Zach Prouty, (Treasurer of State, Board of Deposit, Commission of the Sinking Fund), Proponent
4. Kathleen M. Crowley, Executive Director (Ohio Board of Tax Appeals), Proponent
5. Evan Callicoa (Ohio Farm Bureau Federation), Interested Party
6. Joe Antram, Commissioner (Logan County Board of Commissioners), Interested Party
7. Karen Raymore, Executive Director (Hocking Hills Tourism Association), Interested Party
8. Roger Smith, District Director (Ohio Fair Managers Association), Proponent
9. Michael J. Budzik (Ohio Sportsmen Coalition), Proponent
10. Jim Samuel (Ohio Water Partnership), Proponent
11. Andrew Bashaw, Executive Director (Buckeye Trail Association), Opponent
12. Dennis Mintus, Opponent
13. Donald K. Wagner (Ohio Horseman's Council), Opponent
14. Frances Kern Mennone (Ohio Trail's Partnership and the Ohio River Way), Opponent
15. Captain Heather Sands (Valley Gem Sternwheeler), Interested Party
16. Amber Fagan (Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce), Interested Party
17. Raymond Bohac (Cranberry Resort), Interested Party
18. James Savage, Interested Party
19. Michelle Burke (Lake Erie Marine Trades Association and Boating Associations of Ohio), Interested Party
20. Ty McBee (Ohio Mountain Bike Alliance and Ohio Trails Partnership), Opponent
21. Thomas M. Green (Ohio Trails Partnership and Ohio Horsemen's Council), Interested Party

Questions and comments from the committee were heard on the testimony before the committee.

Written testimony on House Bill 33 was received by the following individuals and organizations:

1. Mayor Thomas D. Orr (City of Cambridge), Interested Party
2. Stephen L. Walker (Ohio Trails Partnership), Opponent

Invited Testimony on House Bill 33 concluded and constituted as the fourth informal hearing on House Bill 33.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Tim Schaffer, Chair