

**OHIO SENATE**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes**  
**May 9, 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 3 meeting was reviewed and approved by the committee without objection.

Chairman Schaffer called the committee's attention to the governor's appointment for the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Anne Vogel, that was before the committee. Director Vogel 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 Baldrige was approved by a vote of five affirmative votes and zero negative votes and was reported to the committee on rules and reference.

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

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

1. Anne Vogel, Director (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency), Proponent
2. Joy Mulinex, Executive Director (Ohio Lake Erie Commission), Proponent
3. Brian Baldrige, Director (Ohio Department of Agriculture), Proponent
4. Mary Mertz, Director (Ohio Department of Natural Resources), Proponent

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

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

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:17 AM.

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Tim Schaffer, Chair