

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes
October 26, 2021
134th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources was called to order at 4:01 PM in the South Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was not present and proceeded to operate as subcommittee.

Chairman Schaffer called upon the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative for a presentation

The following testimony was provided:

Scott Higgins, CEO, Ohio Dairy Producers Association

Heather Taylor-Miesle, Executive Director, Ohio Environmental Organization

Chairman Schaffer paused the Ohio Agricultural Conservation Initiative presentation.

A quorum was now present.

The minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting were approved.

The Chair called up the Governor's Appointments:

Alexis M. Siomka, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

David K. Whiting, State Emergency Response Commission

David Zenk, Wildlife Council

Kimpton E. Williams, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Council

Lawrence B. Mixon, Sr., Wildlife Council

Lee Ann Schrader, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

Linda A. Stickney, Commercial Dog Breeding Advisory Board

Terri A. Specht, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

Senator S. Huffman moved that the appointments be recommended to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Schaffer asked the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative to continue their presentation.

The following testimony was provided:

Dean Cathann Kress, The Ohio State University, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Janelle Mead, CEO, Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Jordan Hoewischer, Director of Water Quality and Research, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Jessica D'Ambrosio, Ohio Agriculture Project Director, The Nature Conservancy of Ohio

Kris Swartz, farmer and Chair, Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative

Jeff Duling, farmer and First Vice President of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Joint Resolution 3 for its first hearing and sponsor testimony.

The following testimony was provided:
State Senator Sandra O'Brien

Chairman Schaffer called up House Bill 175 for its first hearing and sponsor testimony.

The following testimony was provided:
State Representative Brett Hillyer

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Tim Schaffer, Chair