

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 14, 2019
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Brent Olmstead, CALS; Stacey Satterlee, IGPA; Jeanne Valk, IGPA; Corrine Salzell, ISWCC; Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Brad Hunt, OARC
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
**DOCKET NO.
60-0501-1801:** **Terry Hoebelheinrich**, Program Loan Manager, explained the proposed rule changes would resolve inconsistencies between statute and the current rule by clarifying the definition of eligible applicants among other definitions. He said the changes would streamline the application process by allowing districts to pre-rank recurring practices, establish an alternative ranking procedure and update rules to reflect current practices. Mr. Hoebelheinrich stated the changes would clarify the updated credit guidelines and the maximum loan limit amount.
In response to a committee question, **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** explained all loans are secured and it is possible for the loan to transfer to a new owner if the new owner qualifies.
MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-1801.**
In response to a committee question **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** explained the original source of the RCRDP (Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program) dedicated fund was from estate and transfer taxes. He said the RCRDF receives interest income from loan payments and the State Treasurer's office (IDLE) pool interest. He indicated the commission has safe guards in place to pull money availability back if needed.
In response to a committee question. **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** stated in order to qualify for a loan, there must be a conservation plan in place.
**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary