

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 28, 2019

TIME: 1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy (Maurin), Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy (Nye)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kerby, Andrus, Giddings

GUESTS: Saydee Longhurst, FFA; Allyson King, FFA; Melanie Searle, FFA; Harrison Jansen van Beek, FFA; Jared Stuart, ISDA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24 and 30, and February 22, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Saydee Longhurst, President, explained one of the ways FFA sets itself apart is through the 3 circle agriculture education model. She said the first circle is class room learning, the second part is FFA and the third is the supervised agriculture experience or SAE. She explained her SAE is a small hay cutting business with her dad as her supervisor providing lots of learning experiences. She said she is excited for the future and owes that to FFA.

Melanie Searle, Treasurer, stated in 1927, Idaho became the 17th state to receive a charter from the Future Farmers of America, now known as the National FFA Organization. She said they are celebrating 50 years of women in the FFA this year. She stated the FFA officer competitions and conferences help prepare students with tools to succeed as they enter the work force.

Allyson King, Secretary, explained as part of their year as state officers they create and facilitate workshops all across the state. She said the work shops are geared to promote agriculture, FFA and life skills. She stated at a recent workshop about 300 students put together 35,000 meals for Meals of Hope noting part of their motto is living to serve.

Harrison Jansen van Beek, Vice President, reported every year the state officers have the opportunity to travel with the FFA. This year the officers went to Washington DC, Minneapolis and South Africa where they explored agriculture and a new culture different from their own. He said the Washington DC Leadership Conference is a gathering of FFA members from all across the nation learning how to give back to their communities and make a difference for the next generation. He explained the FFA State Leadership Conference is to be held at the CSI campus where members will attend workshops and hear from industry leaders.

Chairman Boyle asked **Rep. Zito** to report the Zito Subcommittee's recommendations to the full committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Zito Subcommittee meeting of January 10, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Zito made a brief explanation of the rules reviewed from the Department of Agriculture, Idaho State Brand Board, and the Board of Education.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to accept the report of the Zito Subcommittee.
Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary