

MINUTES
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hartgen, Senators Foreman, Hart, Schroeder, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Semmelroth, and Taylor

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Vice Chair Nichols

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Hartgen** called the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME: **Chairman Hartgen** welcomed everyone to the first meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Senator Schroeder stated he represented District 8. He grew up on a ranch and his agricultural roots go back to his great great grandfather. He indicated he was aware the important role agriculture plays in the State of Idaho and is eager to serve on the Committee.

Senator Hart stated he represented District 2. He currently works in Structural Engineering and was looking forward to representing his agricultural base.

Senator Semmelroth noted she had a background in education. She expressed she cared deeply for agricultural affairs that impact Idaho.

Senator Taylor stated he represented District 26 which was oriented towards recreation and agriculture.

Senator Zuiderveld indicated she represented District 24, and expressed her district was mostly farming. Her family had been involved with farming and the dairy industry.

Senator Carlson stated she represented District 7. Her history in agriculture dated back to her great-grandmother who was in the dairy industry. Currently a rancher and business owner with a vast interest in agriculture.

Senator Foreman indicated he was not a farmer, but he represented many farms in his district. He felt agriculture was under attack globally, and that life was becoming difficult for our farmers in Idaho. He believed his job was to limit government interference for the people and allow farmers and businesses to do what they do best.

Chairman Hartgen introduced Committee Secretary Melissa Price.

Chairman Hartgen introduced Page, Shaila Tate, and asked her to tell the Committee about her background.

Page, Shaila Tate, stated that she grew up on a farm, graduated a year earlier and used her graduation money to buy a two-year old horse to train. She expressed she was excited to be part of the Committee.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Hartgen** mentioned Vice Chair Nichols would address the Administrative Rules next week. She outlined her expectations for the Committee, which included courtesy and respect for one another and visitors.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Hartgen** adjourned the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Senator Hartgen
Chair

Melissa Price
Secretary