

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Roberts, Nash, Boyle

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023, and February 20, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
02-0801-2201:** **Emily Merrigan**, Executive Secretary, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, presented **Docket No. 02-0801-2201**. There are no changes to the pending fee rule and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Lloyd Knight**, Administrator, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), introduced **Nick Zurfluh**, Section Manager, Invasive Species and Outreach, ISDA. Mr. Zurfluh explained four invasive species program areas: prevention, early detection, management and control, and education and outreach. Invasive plants can spread rapidly and are difficult to control, making them a significant challenge for the Division of Plant Industry in Idaho. Over 102,670 watercraft were inspected, with weeds found on 582. Effective management strategies, such as early detection and rapid response, are essential to prevent the spread of invasive species and protect Idaho's ecosystems. The Plants Division was approved for five additional staff for the Noxious weeds and Invasive Species programs.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary