

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Raymond, Vice Chairman Shirts, Representatives Cannon, McCann, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Beiswenger, Dygert, Leavitt, Mendive, Hall (Stone), Healey, Mathias, Haws

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Healy, Sauter, Cannon, Shirts

**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 Raymond** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 662:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 662**, explaining all milk and cream purchased or sold in Idaho must be tested using methods approved by the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Samples must be collected by a department-authorized hauler, maintained under tamper-evident and temperature-controlled conditions, and may be tested by the buyer, seller, or the Department. The Department is authorized to audit payments to ensure compliance.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 662** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Vander Woude** declared Rule 80. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Vander Woude will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**J.W. Wood**, Chairman, Idaho Beef Council (IBC), explained the IBC is governed by an eight-member board representing cow/calf, CattleWomen, feeder, auction, and dairy sectors, nominated by industry groups and appointed by the Governor. The board provides oversight to ensure checkoff dollars are used effectively to strengthen Idaho's beef industry. Representing approximately 7,400 farms statewide, the Council serves as a unified voice to promote the Idaho beef story and reinforces its commitment to producing beef "Raised Right, Right Here."

**Jodi Mink**, Vice Chairman, IBC, reported on recent initiatives, including participation in the national "Real People, Real Stories" campaign highlighting Idaho ranch families; continued investment in retail meat education in partnership with industry and university leaders; expansion of the Beef Quality Assurance program through a new CEU-style format and Spanish-language trainings; a statewide Winter Olympics campaign promoting ranchers' role in stewardship and rural economies; and ongoing collaboration with the Idaho Food Bank through Beef Counts, which has provided more than 2.8 million servings of beef to Idahoans in need since 2010.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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Representative Raymond  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary