

MINUTES

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources & Environmental Quality

March 5, 2020

Meeting called to order by Representative Allor at 10:30 a.m.

Present – Allor, Glenn, VanSingel, Green, Slagh, Cherry, Hood

Absent – none

Excused – none

1. Approval of minutes dated 2-27-2020 Rep. Hood
2. EGLE presentation: Oil, Gas, & Minerals Division
 - a. Adam Wygant, Director
 - b. Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director
 - Division mission & responsibilities
 - Part 615 wells: oil, gas, injection, gas storage, other
 - Funding challenges
 - Staff positions & permits issued since 2013
 - Oil & gas production in Michigan since 2014
 - Oil & natural gas prices
 - Non-fee/no revenue wells
 - Part 616 Orphan well program
 - 378 wells plugged since 1996
 - Division budget 2013-2021
 - Questions – Glenn, Hood, Slagh, Cherry, Allor
3. EGLE presentation: Environmental Permit Review Commission
 - a. Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director
 - 15 members commission
 - 3 member Environmental Permit Panel
 - Advises director on permit application disputes
 - Environmental Permit Panel
 - Questions – none
4. EGLE presentation: High Water Levels
 - a. Jerrod Sanders, Assistant Director, Water Resources Division
 - b. Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director
 - Update on high water levels
 - Questions – Allor, Slagh
5. Legislative cards –
 - a. Erin McDonough, Michigan Oil & Gas Association
6. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned by Representative Allor at 11:21 am.