

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: The first meeting of the March 22-23, 1989, session of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture was called to order by Chairperson Elwood Kirkpatrick at 4:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the Willy Room, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Chairperson Kirkpatrick asked Dr. S. Leon Whitney, Commission Secretary, to call roll.

ROLL CALL: **Commissioners Present:**
Elwood Kirkpatrick, Chairperson
Vernon L. Kretzschmer, Vice Chairperson
Dr. S. Leon Whitney, Secretary
Rita M. Reid
George A. McManus, Jr.

MDA Staff Present (during portions of afternoon):
Dr. Paul E. Kindinger, Director
Liza Castro
Dr. H. Michael Chaddock
Jean Valley

Others Present (during portions of afternoon):
Frederick W. Buckman, President and Chief
Operating Officer, Consumers Power Company
Harvey Warrick, House Republican Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Whitney moved that the minutes of the February 14-15, 1989, session of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture be approved. (Seconded)
MOTION: **Motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS: **Commission Resolutions Honoring Michigan Department of Agriculture Retirees:**
MOTION: Commissioner Whitney moved that resolutions be prepared honoring the following employees upon their retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture:

- Norman Gilbert, Dairy Products Division
- Dr. George Lombard, Dairy Products Division
- James Brozovich, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division
- V. Maxine Lorenz, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division

(Seconded) **Motion carried.**

MOTION:**Commissioner's Per Diem and Travel Expenses:**

Commissioner Kretzschmer moved that per diem and travel expenses be approved for Commissioner Rita M. Reid to represent the Commission and the Department of Agriculture at the Menominee County Farm Bureau meeting in Stephenson on March 7, 1989. (Seconded) **Motion carried.**

MOTION:**Director's Out-of-state Travel Expenses:**

Commissioner Kretzschmer moved that out-of-state expenses be approved for Director Paul E. Kindinger to attend:

- U.S./Canadian Accord meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada--April 27-28, 1989; and
- NASDA Food Expo, Boston, Massachusetts--May 15-17, 1989.

(Seconded) **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**Frederick W. Buckman, Consumers Power Company:**

Dr. Kindinger introduced Mr. Buckman who summarized the history of the Consumers Power Company and its efforts in recent years to become market-smart. He also reviewed the company's recently developed ag-related programs in: (1) technology (three-phase converter program); (2) special rates for electric irrigation pumping systems; (3) amortization of costs over five years for gas service extended to remote areas; (4) summer rates (off-season) for commercial and industrial gas uses; (5) energy audits, and (6) individualized payment plans for farmers having trouble paying energy bills.

Dr. Kindinger suggested that Consumers Power participate in the Futures Team 2020; arrangements will be made to include Mr. Buckman on the team.

Other issues discussed were access to federal programs for production of electrical power which might improve industrial and production competitiveness of this state; environmental issues, specifically acid rain and federal regulations for reducing contaminated emissions; and the future of nuclear energy in the United States.

PROGRAM REPORT:**Animal Industry Division. Update on Scrapie:**

Dr. H. Michael Chaddock reported that the USDA has proposed the elimination of the federal scrapie

eradication program. The history of the scrapie eradication program and problems encountered are outlined in the November 2, 1988, Federal Register.

In 1987 USDA-APHIS evaluated the scrapie program and identified a number of deficiencies; e.g., (1) lack of industry commitment; (2) failure of flock owners to report sick sheep; (3) lack of a diagnostic test for live animals; (4) inadequate or falsified flock records; (5) insufficient funds to conduct effective surveillance; (6) insufficient funds for indemnities; (7) inflated appraisals which resulted in overpayment; and (8) disagreements over the length of surveillance. (These same problems are experienced in Michigan.)

Further, through coordinated meetings with the National Institute of Health and based upon results of extensive study, USDA determined there was no positive evidence that scrapie is hazardous to human health.

On March 9, 1989, MDA was informed that the federal funds appropriated for indemnification of scrapie-infected or bloodline animals were depleted and additional funds may not be available until fiscal year 1991 if at all.

Dr. Chaddock said that since scrapie is a federally reportable disease, Michigan veterinarians and producers will continue to report scrapie to MDA and these reports will be forwarded to USDA.

Dr. Chaddock recommends that the director discontinue ordering the destruction of animals showing clinical symptoms of scrapie and their bloodline relatives and discontinue quarantining premises where symptomatic animals are located.

Dr. Kindinger said that after considering all factors, including research and changes in the federal law, he concurred with Dr. Chaddock's recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.; session will be reconvened at 9:00 a.m., March 23, 1989.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Kirkpatrick called the second meeting of the February session of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture to order at 8:35 a.m., March 23, 1989.

Commissioners Present:

Elwood Kirkpatrick, Chairperson
 Vernon L. Kretzschmer, Vice Chairperson
 Dr. S. Leon Whitney, Secretary
 Rita M. Reid
 George A. McManus, Jr.

MDA Staff Present (during portions of the day):

Dr. Paul E. Kindinger, Director	
Keith Creagh	
Jerry Dunn	Ed Renkie
Lee Gonzales	Terri Smith
Christine Lietzau	S. M. Tomaszewski
Leslie Lokken	Jean Valley
James Manning	Dr. David Wade

Others Present (during portions of the day):

Pam Bontekoe, Michigan Cattlemen's Association
 Dr. John Cantlon, Michigan State University
 John Clark, Roseland Farms
 Merrill Clark, League of Women Voters of Michigan
 Linda Gobler, President, Michigan Grocers' Assoc.
 Dan Hager
 Dr. William Haines, Michigan State University
 Dick Johnston, Cherry Marketing Institute
 Charles Kline, No. Mich. Fairs and Racing Assoc.
 Harold Lucas, Water Wonderland Purebred Breeders Association
 Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau
 Arnold Rich, Senate Fiscal Agency
 Michael Salisbury, Salisbury Management Services, Inc.
 Kris Schuller, WLNS-TV
 Howard Wetters, Governor's Office

PUBLIC APPEARANCES
(Continued):

Dr. William Haines, Food Industry Institute, MSU; Dr. John Cantlon, MSU; and Dick Johnston, Cherry Marketing Institute. Mr. Johnston reported that the Cherry Marketing Institute has been using the research facilities of Michigan State University for new product development research. While the university staff has been very cooperative, difficulties have arisen because proprietary research cannot be done on campus and institute research projects were secondary to academic schedules.

Mr. Johnston presented a proposal for a nonprofit laboratory to do proprietary research on Michigan agricultural products. Preliminary work has been undertaken to lay out the laboratory (to be housed in the Hannah Research Center), identify equipment needs, and develop proposals to obtain funding.

The Cherry Marketing Institute will contribute funds to establish the lab and Mr. Johnson will solicit financial support from other commodity groups and foundations. He also plans to develop a proposal to request financing through the Michigan Strategic Fund, and a request for an appropriation from the Legislature is being considered also.

The laboratory's governing board would include members from MDA, the University, and some of the commodity groups.

Drs. Haines and Cantlon spoke in support of the proposed laboratory. Research on Michigan's agricultural products is needed if the state is to remain competitive. Dr. Cantlon said the university is supportive of this type proposal and has modified its policies on consulting for University research staff so mechanisms of oversight are provided.

Dr. Kindinger suggested the MDA Center for Agricultural Innovation and Development and the MSU Food Industry Institute jointly prepare a proposal to be presented to the Michigan Strategic Fund and the Legislature.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kretschmer moved that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture endorse the proposal of the Cherry Marketing Institute to develop a nonprofit, proprietary laboratory, housed in the Hannah Research Center, for research and development of value-added Michigan products. (Seconded) **Motion carried.**

Linda Gobler, President, Michigan Grocers Association. Dr. Kindinger introduced Linda Gobler. Ms. Gobler informed the Commission about some of the Michigan Grocers Association (MGA) legislative proposals; e.g., MGA is lobbying to ease restrictions and penalties, in addition to adding exemptions, to the item pricing law.

The association co-sponsored a seminar during the Agriculture and Natural Resources Week on pesticide residues.

Concern was expressed by Ms. Gobler and the Commissioners about media releases which are inaccurate and create public hysteria, negatively impact all phases of the food industry, and undermine the credibility of the USDA, FDA and the EPA regarding the safety of food.

The Director suggested that MDA, the MGA and other food industry representatives need to work cooperatively on progressive, proactive approaches and alternatives to address the issue of pesticide residues, microbial contaminations, residues from animal feed additives and tampering.

Harold Lucas, Water Wonderland Purebred Breeders' Association. Mr. Lucas reviewed the association's 1988 annual report and 1989 proposed schedule with the Commission (a copy of the report is on file in the Commission office). Mr. Lucas also distributed copies of a request for additional funds (\$175,000) for county fairs (Attachment A).

**RECESS AND
RECONVENE:**

The chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE
REPORT:**

Director's Report. Dr. Kindinger asked if there were questions about the Director's Report.

Referring to the Johnes disease report, Chairperson Kirkpatrick said that the Michigan Milk Producers Association passed a resolution encouraging a national effort toward control of Johnes disease. He asked if MDA had information about a national effort for control of the disease. The Director reported that the MDA Animal Industry Division has not established a policy as yet and no information had been received about recommendations developed by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) or federal governmental agencies.

The report was received for the file (Attachment B).

Correspondence. The Director referred to the NASDA overview of the federal budget as it pertains to agriculture. The funding trend will be for rural development and environmental

programs. It is likely that there will be less money for farm programs. Additional money for agriculture will have to come from the market place and by controlling costs.

The Director reviewed the other correspondence received and copies are on file in the Commission office.

Report on NASDA Mid-winter Meeting. The director said there were a number of reports from Congressmen and political advisors; and they, too, indicated the major thrust was on environment and rural development (roads and bridges, health care, coordination of services between agencies, private infusion, and loan guarantees through Farmers' Home Administration).

Michigan's Seed Industry, Seed Law, and Certification Process. Discussions are being held by various groups across the state on the certification process and seed law. Larry Copeland from the MSU Crops and Soils Department is leading the discussions. Information will be presented to the Commission as it becomes available.

The Director said the main emphasis for MDA during the past month has been on pesticides and the budget.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT:**

Michigan Farm Bureau v. DNR: Mr. Manning reported that the lawsuit has not been dismissed. However, since it was filed, the Attorney General advised MDA that one agency can not sue another agency unless certain, very limited circumstances were involved; also, the Indian Lake Association joined the lawsuit in behalf of the DNR. The case involves a permit issued to Tobe Strong and the DNR's indication that this farm's operations are not normal and traditional farming.

MFB filed a motion to dismiss one of the state's counter-claims. At this time the case is pending the judge's decision.

Commission Policy 9: Employee Conduct and Discipline. Mr. Manning distributed copies of a draft policy covering employee conduct and discipline to the Commissioners (copy on file in the Commission office).

The policy, as proposed, would provide the Director with responsibility for developing a disciplinary procedure in conjunction with MDA Personnel Division staff. It was pointed out that these procedures cannot be in conflict with the state's civil service policies or any existing contracts with bargaining units. The procedure will provide employees with a written notice what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable conduct. Dr. Whitney requested that copies of civil service policies addressing employee dismissal be provided to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will review the draft policy and take action at a future Commission meeting.

New Legislation. Mr. Manning and Christine Lietzau reported on SB 179 which provides for the regulation and conservation of barrier dunes, sand dunes and other environmentally sensitive areas through local zoning. The bill gives local soil conservation districts and county governments the responsibility to help manage and review potential impacts on sand dunes and barrier dunes.

The districts have indicated their willingness to participate in the program and assume responsibility as long as staff is provided to fulfill the obligations. Funding is provided by the bill to hire district and MDA staff to administer the program. Approximately nine counties would be involved.

Miscellaneous. Commissioner McManus asked if dates had been set for the Red Tart Cherry Information Program (RTCIP) and the apple referendums. Information is not available at this time.

PUBLIC
APPEARANCE
(Continued):

Charles Kline, Northern Michigan Fair and Racing Association and Michigan Association of Fairs and Festivals asked to speak to the Commission about House Bill 4177 (authorizes intertrack betting) and Senate Bill 64 (legalizes jai alai).

Since Ladbroke, a British firm, took over the Thoroughbred track operations in Michigan it has pursued efforts to expand gambling operations; namely, intertrack wagering and off-track betting.

Both associations that Mr. Kline represents believe the proposed legislation will have a

negative effect on Michigan's horse industry. HB 4177 will reduce the state tax on betting from four to two percent which in turn will reduce the horse racing grants by 50 percent. This also affects 4-H Clubs and fairs, etc.

Mr. Kline did not request Commission action at this time but submitted this report for informational purposes.

PROGRAM
REPORTS
(Continued):

Financial Services Division. Commission Budget:
Mr. Tomaszewski distributed copies of the Commission's Expenditure Status Report as of February 28, 1989 (Attachment C). There were no questions on the report; therefore, it was received for the file.

MDA Budget: Mr. Tomaszewski said that at this time no decisions have been reached by the Legislature on the MDA budget. MDA staff have met with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee and the final meeting with this subcommittee will be April 4. After that meeting, the subcommittee will submit its recommendations to the Appropriations Committee.

Upper Peninsula State Fair Rate Schedules:
Revised schedules (Attachment D) were submitted for:

- Rate Schedule for Rental of Buildings and Grounds (Fair Week)--no proposed changes for 1989.
- Proposed 1989 Schedule for Exhibit Fees, Special Pass Schedule and Gate Admission--no proposed changes for 1989.
- Proposed 1989-90 Rate Schedule for Rental of Buildings and Grounds (Non-fair)--changes as follows:

Buildings and Grounds

Item 2--Rental of kitchen (new facility): \$50/day

Item 9--Building No. 24 (Barn & Arena, new facility):
\$100/day or \$2/stall,
whichever is greater

Storage Rental Rates

Item 1--Boats, trailers, campers, etc.--units exceeding 9' high, 8' wide, or 21' long:
\$4.75/lineal ft./season

Item 2--Cars & pickup trucks without campers (inside cold storage): \$15/month (3-month minimum)

Item 4--Motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles (inside cold storage): \$8/month

The Director recommended the Commission approve the proposed schedules.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kretzschmer moved that the 1989 Rate Schedule for Rental of Buildings and Grounds (fair week), the Proposed 1989 Schedule for Exhibit Fees, Special Pass Schedule and Gate Admission, and the Proposed 1989-90 Rate Schedule for Rental of Buildings and Grounds (non-fair) be approved as recommended by MDA staff. (Seconded) **Motion carried.**

Upper Peninsula Harness Raceway--Northcoast: Mr. Tomaszewski distributed copies of a letter (Attachment E) from Mr. Joseph Stankowicz, President of the Upper Peninsula Harness Raceway, Inc., Board of Directors, requesting the Michigan Department of Agriculture purchase the assets (investment on the U. P. Fairgrounds) of the Northcoast Raceway totaling \$407,817.92.

This issue has been discussed with interested legislators. Letters have been written to the Attorney General's office and the Auditor General's office asking about the legality of such a purchase and for verification of the racing corporation's assets.

The U. P. State Fair Board and the U. P. State Fair Manager are awaiting a response from the Department of Agriculture. No action can be taken until answers are received from the Attorney General's and the Auditor General's offices.

RECESS AND RECONVENE:

Chairman Kirkpatrick recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

PROGRAM REPORTS (Continued):

Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division.

Report on Groundwater Testing Program: Dr. David Wade presented an update on the Pesticide and Ground Water Pilot Study. Samples were collected at sites of businesses involved in custom blending or custom application of pesticides and fertilizers. MDA Laboratory is analyzing for

approximately 55 pesticides identified by EPA as capable of leaching into groundwater.

The Michigan Department of Public Health analyzed samples for nitrates. The official release of the test findings and follow-up studies will be coordinated with the Department of Public Health.

Results from the MDA Laboratory's analysis for pesticides are expected by the end of March.

Alar (Daminozide) in Apples: In response to public concern over the use of Alar on apples, two short-term activities were initiated by MDA: (1) samples of apple juice and whole apples were collected in the Lansing area and analyzed; and (2) field contacts were made with agri-chemical dealers and growers to determine the extent of use of Alar in Michigan.

Dr. Wade said results of the analysis of the juice and apples indicate that the majority had detectable levels of Alar; however, these levels were minute (.1 and .2 ppm)--100 times below the EPA's allowable limit (20 ppm). Sample collection and analysis of apples and apple products, as well as other products, will continue.

Division specialists contacted some of the larger agri-chemical dealers and growers to determine the extent Alar was being used in Michigan. EPA indicated that, nationally, less than five percent of the apple crop had been treated with Alar. Estimates from the Michigan Apple Committee indicate only one to two percent of Michigan growers use Alar. Information collected from these contacts is being analyzed and results are not available at this time.

The Commissioners requested a copy of the survey findings on the use of Alar by Michigan growers when the information is available.

The EPA has extended the 20 ppm tolerance for Alar until July 1990 (reported in the February 10, 1989, Federal Register). This will allow time to initiate the cancellation of the registration for Alar. It has been reported that EPA will be issuing its intent to cancel the registration of Alar this spring.

The Commissioners viewed a videotape of the February 26, 1989, 60-Minutes program on Alar, "A Is for Apple"; a copy of the transcript is on file in the Commission office.

The Director said it is important for people to realize that even if no pesticides are used, there will still be carcinogens in the food supply because a number of carcinogens occur naturally in food.

PUBLIC
APPEARANCE
(Continued):

John Clark, Roseland Farms. Mr. Clark asked to speak to the Commission on behalf of sustainable agriculture which he believes is a way to produce food prolifically without risks.

Mr. Clark requested that he be appointed to the Pesticide Advisory Committee to represent producers. He said his interest is in protecting the profitability of the farmer, not just gross production and that he can represent sustainable agriculture.

Dr. Kindinger said that new legislation provides for a number of groups to nominate members to the committee. Therefore, it was decided to open the process for nominations and consider all candidates. Dr. Kindinger assured Mr. Clark that there was no intent to arbitrarily replace him on the committee, and he would receive the same consideration as all the candidates.

It is the Director's goal to get the industry and consumer to meet and work together on the best resolutions to problems. It is important, now, to look beyond what happens with Alar. MDA is developing proposals that are very proactive and responsible in terms of dealing with Alar and all pre-FIFRA chemicals. To develop and maintain markets for our products, we must investigate all forms of residues and microbial contaminants. Consumer confidence and trust are needed.

Environmental Division. MDA Initiative--Sustainable Agriculture: Ms. Christine Lietzau reported that the department has received inquiries about its position on sustainable agriculture and requests for a definition of sustainable agriculture.

At this time Michigan's Energy Conservation Program is the nation's largest sustainable

agriculture program underway by virtue of its programs for integrated pest management, fertilizer management, irrigation scheduling, manure analysis, and others, in addition to working one-on-one with the farmers to reduce the input of chemicals and maximize profits.

Michigan State University received a \$2 million grant from the Mott Foundation for sustainable agriculture and will be looking at practices the farmer can implement in the field to reduce input, maintain profits, and produce a product without residues.

MDA created a committee with representatives from the Environmental, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management, and Press and Public Affairs divisions, the Center for Agriculture Innovation and Development, and the legislative services of Jim Manning. The committee is charged to (1) work with various groups to develop a definition for sustainable agriculture; and (2) set the direction for a long-term departmental program for sustainable agriculture. The needs of the public and the University's programs will be investigated. The committee's recommendations for the department are anticipated in about a year.

Ms. Lietzau also is working with the University to co-sponsor a conference on sustainable agriculture in the spring of 1990.

A 60-minute videotape has been prepared by the National Audubon Society entitled, "Common Ground." The documentary is about various sustainable agricultural-type programs throughout the United States and is available to the Commissioners upon request from Ms. Lietzau.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Michigan: The National Association of Conservation Districts annually sponsors a soil and water stewardship week. Designation is intended to create a national awareness of our responsibility for the stewardship of our natural resources.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kretzschmer moved that the Commission of Agriculture endorse the designation of a Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Michigan. Further, it is requested that a letter be sent to Governor James J. Blanchard asking him to declare April 30 through May 7, 1989, Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Michigan. (Seconded) **Motion carried.**

Deer Damage Ad Hoc Task Force Update: Copies of the Department of Natural Resources' preliminary report on the 1988 Deer Season and a report updating the Commissioners on the activities of the Deer Damage Ad Hoc Task Force were included in the informational materials for this meeting. Copies are on file in the Commission office.

Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division.

Revision of MDA Regulation 610: Mr. Keith Creagh requested Commission approval to revise MDA Regulation 610 to increase nursery inspection fees. This increase is requested to bring fees in line with actual costs for nursery inspections. Fees have not been increased since 1983. Attachment F provides background information supporting the increases requested.

The Director recommended the Commission approve the proposed revisions to MDA Regulation 610 which include the following increases:

	<u>Inspections Fees by Acre</u>	
	<u>From (1983)</u>	<u>To</u>
• First Acre.	\$14	\$24
• Second and Subsequent Acres. 7	7	12
• All Hourly Inspections	14/acre	27/hour* plus mileage

*to the nearest half-hour and includes mileage

Commissioner Reid left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

MOTION:

Commissioner McManus moved that Michigan Department of Agriculture Regulation 610 be revised to increase nursery inspection fees as recommended. (Seconded) **Motion carried.**

Owner Liability re FIFRA Requirement to Notify Non-English-speaking Workers of Pesticide Applications: For informational purposes, Commissioners were provided copies of a letter from Patricia Breslin, EPA, responding to a Commission inquiry about owner liability for accuracy of information provided non-English-speaking workers by crew leaders. A copy of the letter is on file in the Commission office.

Dr. Whitney left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

PUBLIC
APPEARANCES:

Michael Salisbury, Salisbury Management Services, Inc., and Lee Gonzales, Michigan Family Farm Development Authority, reported on the workshop, "Attracting Capital to Agriculture," and the round table discussion, "Putting the Capital Package Together," presented at the 1989 Governor's Conference on Agriculture. A background and summary report is attached (Attachment G).

Mr. Salisbury reviewed the history behind the present agriculture credit crisis. His company has been seeking sources for additional funding for agriculture-related projects and developing programs to educate farmers on proper management, and proper preparation of business and financial plans required by bankers and lenders.

In addition, Lee Gonzales, Leslie Lokken, Ed Renkie and Mr. Salisbury have been working with staff at the Michigan Strategic Fund in order to learn which financial programs can be better utilized by the food and agriculture industry. There is a potential for this to develop into an agriculture business and industrial development corporation (BIDCO) investment program.

Mr. Gonzales commented on a capital access program which has been developed by the Michigan Strategic Fund and is available to banks. The program allows banks to make loans that are riskier than normal; however, a loan under this program is likely to be a more expensive than a regular bank loan. The key point is that the program will provide access to financing for many companies that cannot qualify for conventional bank financing. Financing under the capital access program is likely to be much less expensive than alternative nonbank sources of financing. Of 271 loans qualified under this program in Michigan, only seven or eight are related to agriculture. Efforts are being made to inform the agriculture industry about the program and help it access this source of funding.

It was requested that a representative from the Michigan Strategic Fund be invited to discuss the capital access program at the next Commission of Agriculture meeting.

Chairperson Kirkpatrick asked that information about the program be presented to the Futures Team

2020. Dr. Kindinger asked Mr. Gonzales to meet with Dr. Patricia Widmayer on this matter.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture will be April 11 and 12, 1989. Meeting will be held in the MDA Hearing Room, North Ottawa Building, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.