Chair Bentz called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Committee members present included Vice-Chair Lockman; Representatives Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick; Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh. Staff present included Mark Brainard, Jr. & Amanda McAtee, JLOSC Analysts; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney for the JLOSC and Deputy Director of the Division of Research; and Natalie White, Administrative Specialist. A quorum was met.

Chair Bentz welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) of the 150th General Assembly, Second Session and called for introductions. The meeting was a presentation meeting for the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship – Conservation District Operations.

Chair Bentz moved to item 2 on the agenda, the approval of the February 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve the February 20, 2020 minutes, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0, with Representatives Bentz, Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh voting in favor, no opposed, 2 members not present at the time of vote, Representative Bennett and Senator Delcollo.

Chair Bentz moved to item 3 on the agenda, to discuss draft legislation. Chair Bentz introduced Holly Vaughn Wagner, who provided an overview of the draft legislation for the Common Interest Community Advisory Council (“CICAC”) cleanup bill and the State Employees’ Pension Plan bill to remove participants in the Division for the Visually Impaired’s Business Enterprise Program from the State pension plan in order to be compliant with the Randolph-Sheppard Act. There was no discussion. Senator Lockman motioned to approve the draft legislation, and Senator Lopez seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0, with Representatives Bentz, Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh voting in favor, no opposed, 2 members not present at the time of vote, Representative Bennett and Senator Delcollo.

Chair Bentz moved to item 4 on the agenda, the presentation by DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship – Conservation District Operations. Chair Bentz introduced Secretary Shawn Garvin, who delivered the presentation. Those in attendance from DNREC were Secretary Shawn Garvin, Marcia Fox, Kevin Donnelly, Lisa Borin Ogden, Greg Patterson, Terry Deputy, Melissa Hubert, and Bob Palmer.
After the presentation, Representatives Spiegelman and Yearick, Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Lockman, Lopez, and Walsh asked questions. Secretary Shawn Garvin, Marcia Fox, and Kevin Donnelly provided clarification.

Chair Bentz called for public comment. There was no public comment. Chair Bentz thanked DNREC for their presentation and assistance during the review process.

Chair Bentz reminded the Committee of the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the JFC Hearing Room.

The meeting concluded at 7:16 p.m.

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.