I. Call to Order
Vice Chair Luke Johnson called the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee to order at 5:00 PM. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves. Commissioner Brent Olson made a motion to adopt the minutes from December 3, 2017. Commissioner Warren Peschl seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. Forum with USDA State Leaders Brad Finstad and Joe Martin
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Leaders Brad Finstad (Rural Development) and Joe Martin (Farm Service Agency) provided overviews and updates from their offices. The remainder of the meeting time was open for member questions and answers. Much of the discussion focused on challenges with the current farm economy and broadband.

III. Adjourn
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.