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Legislative Update – December 2018

From: **Jordan K. Lamb** <jkl@dewittross.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 13, 2018 at 3:15 PM
Subject: WI 2019 Leadership Elections Complete

Good afternoon. This afternoon, the Assembly Democratic caucus completed their leadership elections, thereby completing the leadership elections for all partisan caucuses for the 2019 session. Below is the complete line-up:

WI Legislative Leadership 2019-2020 Session

Assembly Republicans:

- Speaker – Rep. Robin Vos
- Majority leader – Rep. Jim Steineke
- Speaker Pro Tempore – Rep. Tyler August
- Assistant Majority Leader – Rep. Mary Felzkowski
- Caucus Chair – Rep. Dan Knodl
- Caucus Vice-Chair – Rep. Romaine Quinn
- Caucus Secretary – Rep. Jessie Rodriguez
- Sergeant at Arms – Rep. Samantha Kerkman

Senate Republicans:

- Majority Leader – Sen. Scott Fitzgerald
- Assistant Majority Leader – Sen. Dan Feyen
- Senate President - Sen. Roger Roth
- Senate President Pro Tempore – Sen. Howard Marklein
- Caucus Chair – Sen. Van Wanggaard
- Caucus Vice Char – Sen. Patrick Testin

Senate Democrats:

- Minority Leader – Sen. Jennifer Shilling
- Assistant Minority Leader – Sen. Janet Bewley
- Caucus Chair – Sen. Mark Miller
- Caucus Vice-Chair – Sen. Janis Ringhand

Assembly Democrats:

- Assembly Democratic Leader – Rep. Gordon Hintz
- Assembly Democratic Assistant Leader – Rep. Dianne Hesselbein
- Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair – Rep. Mark Spreitzer
- Assembly Democratic Caucus Vice-Chair – Rep. Steve Doyle
- Assembly Democratic Caucus Secretary – Rep. Beth Meyers
- Assembly Democratic Caucus Sgt. At Arms – Rep. Christine Sinicki

Joint Committee on Finance:

Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette) – Assembly Co-chair (2013)

Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) – Senate Co-chair (2011)

GOP will hold a 12-4 majority on the committee next session. Each majority party in the Senate and Assembly get to appoint 6 members, while the minority party appoints 2. Remaining appointments are still pending.

From: **Jordan K. Lamb** <kl@dewittross.com>

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Subject: DNR Final Wetland Guidance Posted

Good afternoon. New wetland laws took effect in Wisconsin in July. This week, the DNR finalized two guidance documents to assist with implementation of the new wetland regulations.

One guidance document addresses “artificial wetlands,” which are those that have no wetland or stream history prior to August 1, 1991 and have been modified by human activity that changed the landscape.

The other document outlines “nonfederal wetlands,” which are those that are not subject to federal oversight. The two documents are intended to help landowners determine eligibility through a step-by-step process and provide helpful resources and examples. Both documents are available from the DNR’s website at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wetlands/permitExemptions.html>.
https://chippewa.com/news/state-and-regional/tony-evers-announces-science-agriculture-advisorypanel/article_468dacef-7955-580f-838d-b1a71a3295ef.html#tracking-source=home-the-latest

From: **Jordan K. Lamb** <jkl@dewittross.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 2:23 PM

Subject: WI Assembly Committee Chairs Announced

Good afternoon! Earlier this afternoon, Speaker Robin Vos announced the chairperson appointments for each Assembly committee for the 2019 legislative session. Please see the link to the press release and the full list below.

[Speaker Vos has announced Assembly committee and their respective chairs for the 2019-20 legislative session:](#)

Committee

Aging and Long-Term Care
Agriculture
Campaigns and Elections
Children and Families
Colleges and Universities
Community Development
Constitution and Ethics
Consumer Protection
Corrections
Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Education
Environment
Energy and Utilities
Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Family Law
Federalism and Interstate Relations
Financial Institutions
Government Accountability and Oversight
Health
Housing and Real Estate
Insurance
International Affairs and Commerce
Jobs and the Economy
Judiciary
Labor and Integrated Employment
Local Government
Medicaid Reform and Oversight
Mental Health
Public Benefit Reform
Regulatory Licensing Reform

Chair

Rep. Rick Gundrum
Rep. Gary Tauchen
Rep. Ron Tusler
Rep. Pat Snyder
Rep. Dave Murphy
Rep. Scott Allen
Rep. Chuck Wichgers
Rep. Treig Pronschinske
Rep. Michael Schraa
Rep. John Spiros
Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt
Rep. Joel Kitchens
Rep. Mike Kuglitsch
Rep. Jeff Mursau
Rep. Jessie Rodriguez
Rep. Tyler Vorpapel
Rep. Cindi Duchow
Rep. David Steffen
Rep. Joe Sanfelippo
Rep. John Jagler
Rep. Kevin Petersen
Rep. Rob Hutton
Rep. Adam Neylon
Rep. Jim Ott
Rep. James Edming
Rep. Todd Novak
Rep. Rob Summerfield
Rep. Paul Tittl
Rep. Scott Krug
Rep. Cody Horlacher

Rules	Rep. Jim Steineke
Rural Development	Rep. Nancy VanderMeer
Science and Technology	Rep. Romaine Quinn
Small Business Development	Rep. Janel Brandtjen
Sporting Heritage	Rep. Rob Stafsholt
State Affairs	Rep. Rob Swearingen
Substance Abuse and Prevention	Rep. Jon Plumer
Tourism	Rep. Travis Tranel
Transportation	Rep. Bob Kulp
Veterans and Military Affairs	Rep. Ken Skowronski
Ways and Means	Rep. John Macco
Workforce Development	Rep. Warren Petryk
Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules	Rep. Joan Ballweg
Joint Committee on Finance	Rep. John Nygren
Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology	Rep. Dan Knodl
Joint Law Revision Committee	Rep. Jim Ott
Joint Legislative Audit Committee	Rep. Samantha Kerkman
Joint Legislative Council	Rep. Robert Brooks
Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties	Rep. Rob Hutton
Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems	Rep. Mary Felzkowski
Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions	Rep. Tyler August
State Building Commission	Rep. Rob Swearingen
	Rep. Mark Born

See next page for additional updates.

From: "Jordan K. Lamb" <jkl@dewittross.com>

Date: December 18, 2018 at 8:43:47 AM CST

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Subject: WI State Senate Committee Chairs Announced

Good morning. Yesterday, Senator Fitzgerald announced the chairs of each Senate Committee. (See full list below.) Note that Senator Marklein is the chair of the Ag Committee, which is combined with Revenue and Financial Institutions. Senator Petrowski is chair of Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs. Senator Cowles is chair of Natural Resources and Energy.

Sen. Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald has announced the 2019-20 Senate Committees and the Committee Chairs.

- **Senate Committee on Administrative Rules**
Senator Steve Nass, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Agriculture, Revenue, & Financial Institutions**
Senator Howard Marklein, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, & Trade**
Senator Dan Feyen, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics, & Rural Issues**
Senator Kathy Bernier, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Education**
Senator Luther Olsen, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Finance**
Senator Alberta Darling, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology, & Consumer Protection**
Senator Duey Stroebel, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Health & Human Services**
Senator Pat Testin, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight, & Courts**
Senator Dave Craig, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety**
Senator Van Wanggaard, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Labor & Regulatory Reform**
Senator Steve Nass, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism, & Workforce Development**
Senator Andre Jacque, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Energy**
Senator Rob Cowles, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Senate Organization**
Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing, & State-Federal Relations**
Senator Chris Kapenga, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, & Forestry**
Senator Tom Tiffany, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans, & Military Affairs**
Senator Jerry Petrowski, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children & Families**
Senator Dale Kooyenga, Chair
- **Senate Committee on Utilities & Housing**
Senator Devin LeMahieu, Chair

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From: **Jordan K. Lamb** <jl@dewittross.com>

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Subject: Four WI Cabinet Posts Announced

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Wisconsin Legislative Update - December 19, 2018

Good morning! Governor-Elect Evers is starting to name members of his cabinet. This morning, he announced the following four Secretary appointments:

Joel Brennan – Department of Administration

Mr. Brennan ran Tom Barrett's 2002 gubernatorial campaign and has been CEO of Milwaukee's Discovery World for the past 11 years.

Preston Cole – Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Cole currently serves as a commissioner for the Department of Neighborhood Services under Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and is a member of the state Natural Resources Board that advises DNR. According to a profile on the city's website, he was the first African-American forester hired by the Conservation Department.

Kevin Carr – Department of Corrections

Mr. Carr was sworn in as a U.S. Marshal in 2010 after 30 years with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Sara Meaney – Department of Tourism

Earlier this year, Ms. Meaney was hired to be chief marketing officer for Milwaukee Film. She has served on the organization's board of directors since 2012.