



# NANCY VANDERMEER

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## **VanderMeer Re-appointed to Chair Rural Development Committee**

**Madison** – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) has been re-appointed to chair the Assembly Committee on Rural Development for the 2019-2020 Legislative Session. It will be Representative VanderMeer’s second consecutive session chairing the committee.

In her first term as chair, legislation taken up and passed out of committee included proposals that: align state statutes with practical standards of record keeping for rural municipal clerks, authorize rural libraries to apply for information technology block grants through the Department of Public Instruction, authorize student loan reimbursement incentives for individuals in rural counties, re-align qualification of local newspapers to receive compensation for publication of legal notices, and make it easier for communities to market and promote Telecommuter opportunities in their area. Several of the proposals were ultimately passed into law.

In addition, a package of proposals relating to healthcare accessibility were taken up by the committee and passed into law as part of the state budget, including two proposals that allocate \$500,000 annually for training and retaining allied health professionals and \$500,000 annually for training and retaining advance practice clinicians in rural communities.

Representative VanderMeer released the following statement:

“I’m happy to be re-appointed as Chair of the Rural Development Committee. I’m especially pleased to chair this committee because I think it aligns very well with the 70<sup>th</sup> district and I have the opportunity to hear and improve legislation through the committee process that can make a direct impact for families throughout the district. This particular committee also aligns well with the Rural Wisconsin Initiative, a group that I’m a part of that’s a coalition of outstate/rural legislators focused on improving: educational, healthcare, technology, and workforce opportunities for individuals that live and work in rural areas of our state.”

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*The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.*