

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE  
Joint Hearing on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) efforts in Minnesota

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting of the joint committees to order at 8:31 A.M. on Friday, February 5, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistants noted the roll. A quorum was present.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike (Chair)  
HANSEN, Rick (Chair)  
VANG, Samantha (Vice Chair)  
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)  
ANDERSON, Paul (Republican Lead)  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Republican Lead)  
ACOMB, Patty  
AKLAND, Susan  
BACKER, Jeff  
BECKER-FINN, Jamie  
BURKEL, John  
ECKLUND, Rob  
FISCHER, Peter  
GREEN, Steve  
HANSON, Jessica  
IGO, Spencer  
JORDAN, Sydney  
LEE, Fue  
LIPPERT, Todd  
LUECK, Dale  
MILLER, Tim  
MORRISON, Kelly  
NELSON, Nathan  
THOMPSON, John

Members excused:

KEELER, Heather  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
THEIS, Tama

EAB overview from Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Natural Resources and MN Pollution Control Agency

- Mark Abrahamson, MDA, Plant Protection Division Director
- Amy Kay Kerber, DNR, Forestry Legislative Affairs and Outreach Supervisor
- David Benke, MPCA, Director, Resource Management and Assistance Division

Presentation from Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee

- Karen Zumach, Director of Community Forestry

EAB research presentation from the University of Minnesota MN Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center

- Rob Venette, USDA Forest Service & MITPPC Director

Presentation on Wood Waste

- Ken Smith, District Energy

Agency officials and organizations responded to member questions throughout the meeting.

Representative Hansen adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant

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Adam Kopel, Committee Legislative Assistant