

STATE OF MINNESOTA TWENTY-SECOND MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on March 16th, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services, Facebook Live, and YouTube live streaming.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
ECKLUND, Rob
FISCHER, Peter
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
JORDAN, Sydney
KEELER, Heather
LEE, Fue
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

Rep. Fischer moved that the minutes from March 12th, 2021 be approved. MOTION PREVAILED.

HF836 (RICHARDSON) Soil health cost-sharing program established, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hansen moved that HF836 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Richardson presented HF836.

Rep. Hansen renewed the motion that HF836 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Mike Slavik, Commissioner Dakota County

Matt Massman, ED MN Intercounty Association

Greta Gauthier, Assistant Commissioner MN Pollution Control Agency

HF988 (MARQUART) Red River mediation agreement implementation funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hansen moved that HF988 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Marquart presented HF988.

Rep. Hansen renewed the motion that HF988 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Rob Sip, ED Red River Watershed Management Board

Theresa Ebbenga, Region 1 Director Department of Natural Resources

Rep. Wazlawik assumed the gavel at 1:31 P.M.

HF1233 (CHRISTENSEN) Explore Minnesota Tourism funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Wazlawik moved that HF1233 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Christensen presented the bill.

Rep. Ecklund moved H1233A2 to amend HF1233 and the amendment was ADOPTED.

Rep. Wazlawik renewed the motion that HF1233, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Megan Christianson, Visit Grand Rapids

Sarah Psick, MN Tourism Growth Coalition

Mike Schwieters, MN Community Resorts

HF1799 (MASIN) Lower Minnesota River Watershed District funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Wazlawik moved that HF1799 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Masin presented the bill.

Rep. Wazlawik renewed the motion that HF1799 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Linda Loomis, Administrator, Lower MN Watershed District

Kevin Bigalke, Board of Water and Soil Resources

HF32 (ELKINS) Electric-assisted bicycle classification and regulation modified.

Rep. Wazlawik moved that HF32 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Elkins presented the bill.

Rep. Wazlawik renewed the motion that HF32 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Dorian Grilley, ED Bicycle Alliance of MN

Rep. Wazlawik adjourned the meeting at 2:18 P.M.

Rick Hansen
Chair of Environment Finance and Policy

Adam Kopel
Committee Legislative Assistant