

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Anderson, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 3, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair
HANSEN, Rick, DFL Lead
AGBAJE, Esther
BURKEL, John
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
JACOB, Steve
LAWRENCE, Bryan
LEE, Fue
NELSON, Nathan
SMITH, Andy
VANG, Samantha

Representative Jacob moved the minutes of February 26, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Matt McDevitt, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, presented on the Rural Finance Authority.

Vice-Chair Harder assumed the gavel at 1:20 PM.

HF770 (Anderson) Rural Finance Authority funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated

Chair Anderson moved HF770 be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Chair Anderson moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Anderson moved an oral amendment. On P. 1, L. 21, delete “\$30,000,000” and insert “\$30,000”. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individuals testified on the bill.

Matt Hardy, Rust Hill Ranch
Hunter Pederson, MN Farm Bureau

Chair Anderson renewed the motion that HF770, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Anderson assumed the gavel at 1:28 PM.

HF 857 (Nelson) Agricultural Utilization Research Institute funding provided and money appropriated

Representative Nelson moved HF857 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Dan Sparks, Director of Government and Industry Relations, Agriculture Utilization Research Institute

Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, Agriculture Utilization Research Institute

Chair Anderson laid over HF857.

HF38 (Gander) Agricultural Utilization Research Institute funding provided and money appropriated

Representative Gander moved HF38 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Dan Sparks, Director of Gov and Industry Relations, Agriculture Utilization Research Institute

Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, Agriculture Utilization Research Institute

Chair Anderson laid over HF38.

The following individuals presented on the Agriculture, Growth, Research and Innovation Grant Program:

Paul Hugunin, Director of Agriculture Marketing and Development, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Ashley Bress, Assistant Director of Agriculture Marketing and Development, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Vice-Chair Harder assumed the gavel at 2:03 PM.

HF1500 (Anderson) Advanced biofuel production incentive modified

Chair Anderson moved HF1500 before the committee.

The following individual testified on the bill:

Brian Werner, Executive Director, Minnesota Biofuels Association

Vice-Chair Harder laid over HF1500.

HF43 (Anderson) Biofuel infrastructure grant funding provided, and money appropriated

Chair Anderson moved HF43 before the committee.

Chair Anderson moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Brian Werner, Executive Director, Minnesota Biofuels Association

Amanda Bilek, Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Vice-Chair Harder laid over HF43.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM

Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant