

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

FOURTH MEETING  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike, CHAIR  
VANG, Samantha, VICE CHAIR  
ANDERSON, Paul, Minority Lead  
BURKEL, John  
ECKLUND, Rob  
HANSEN, Rick  
HANSON, Jessica  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
LIPPERT, Todd  
LUECK, Dale  
MILLER, Tim  
NELSON, Nathan  
THOMPSON, John

A quorum was present.

Rep. Nelson moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the January 20, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Overview of Farmer-Lender Mediation Program

- Mary Nell Preisler, Statewide Mediation Coordinator, UMN Extension

**HF 80 (Lippert) Farmer-Lender Mediation Period Extended**

The Chair noted his intention to lay the bill over for future consideration.

Rep. Lippert moved HF 80.

Rep. Lippert moved the A1 amendment and explained it. The motion was approved. The amendment was adopted.

Public testimony

- Connie Dykes, farmer and MDA Farm Advocate
- Gary Wertish, President, MN Farmers Union
- Bonnie Haugen, Dairy farmer, Canton, MN, Land Stewardship Project Member Leader

- David Krause, Pioneer Bank and Immediate Past Chair of the Minnesota Bankers Association

Mary Nell Preisler, responded to questions.

Rep. Anderson moved the A2 amendment and explained it. The motion did not prevail. The amendment was not adopted.

Chair Sundin laid over HF 80.

Overview of Rural Finance Authority program

- Matt McDevitt, RFA Supervisor, MDA

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:24 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant