

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)
BRAND, Jeff
BURKEL, John
EDELSON, Heather
FINKE, Leigh
FISCHER, Peter
GILLMAN, Dawn
JACOB, Steven
LEE, Fue
LISLEGARD, Dave
PURSELL, Kristi
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SKRABA, Roger
VANG, Samantha

A quorum was present.

Representative Fischer moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, February 28, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1853 (Acomb); University of Minnesota Extension Service weather resilience program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1853 be re-referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Acomb presented HF1853, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Dr. Heidi Roop, Extension Specialist Director, University of Minnesota Climate Adaption Partnership
- Dr. Kate Knuth, Founder, Democracy and Climate

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1853, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF949 (Koegel); Safety education required and water craft operators permitted, and motor boat rental business obligations imposed.

Chair Hansen moved that HF949 be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Koegel presented HF949, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Adam Block, Boating Administrator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers
- Tom Watson, Board Member, Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF949, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1654 (Freiberg); Issuance of big-game license after conviction modified.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1654 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Freiberg presented HF1654.

Testifying on the bill:

- Major Robert Gorecki, Enforcement Operations Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Erick Simonson, Lobbyist, Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1654 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1834 (Vang); Scientific and natural area funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF1834 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Vang moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Vang moved to adopt the A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Vang presented HF1834, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Tim Johnson, Board Member, Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas
- Heidi Wolf, Ecosystem Management and Protection Section Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF1834, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Jordan assumed the gavel at 3:57 P.M.

HF2082 (Hansen); Aquatic invasive species research implementation funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF2082 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF2082, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Dr. Nicholas Phelps, Director, University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center
- Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers
- Tom Watson, Board Member, Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations
- Heidi Wolf, Ecosystem Management and Protection Section Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF2082, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF955 (Hansen); Financial assurance required for feedlot permits, inventories and reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF955 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF955.

Testifying on the bill:

- Amanda Koehler, Policy Manager, Land Stewardship Project
- Lucas Sjostrom, Executive Director, Minnesota Milk
- Daryl Timmerman, President, Minnesota Pork Producers Association
- Pierce Bennet, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Douglas Eayrs, Member, Dodge County Concerned Citizens
- Tom Johnson, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF955 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Chair Hansen assumed the gavel at 5:00 P.M.

HF1699 (Lislegard); Mesabi Trail new spur funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Representative Lislegard moved that HF1699 be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Representative Lislegard presented HF1699.

Testifying on the bill:

- Sarah Ciochetto, Deputy Director, St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Road Authority

Representative Lislegard renewed the motion that HF1699 be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF592 (Lislegard); All-terrain vehicle trail funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Lislegard moved that HF592 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Lislegard presented HF592.

Testifying on the bill:

- Ron Potter, Trail Ambassador, Prospector Loop ATV Trail System; President, ATV Minnesota
- Bruce Beste, Representative, Voyager ATV Trail System

Representative Lislegard renewed the motion that HF592 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

Sam O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant