

**AGRICULTURE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 28, 2023, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

VANG, Samantha, Chair  
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead  
BURKEL, John  
FREDERICK, Luke  
HANSEN, Rick  
HARDER, Bobbie  
JACOB, Steven  
NELSON, Nathan  
REHM, Lucy  
SENCER-MURA, Samantha  
TABKE, Brad

**Members Excused:**

CHA, Ethan

A quorum was present.

Representative Pursell moved to adopt the March 23, 2023, minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2278 (Vang); Board of Animal Health funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 2278 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Vang moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Vang presented HF 2278, as amended.

The following testified on HF 2278, as amended:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

- Steve Morse, Executive Director, Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- Patrick Murray, Executive Director, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
- Ashley Runholt, Agronomy Sales Manager, Cottonwood Oil Cooperative
- Stu Lourey, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Chris Cowen, Lobbyist, Pesticide Action Network
- Sina Pleggenkuhle, Communication Director, Minnesota Farmers' Market Association
- Alex Trunnell, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Leah Gardner, Policy Director, Hunger Solutions Minnesota
- Laura Schreiber, Policy Organizer, Land Stewardship Project
- Erin McKee, Farm to Institution Project Director, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Kaytlin Bemis, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Dr. Mitch Hunter, Associate Director, Forever Green Initiative (Forever Green)
- Laura Lemke, Executive Director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
- Rachel Sosnowchik, Public Affairs Specialist, Second Harvest Heartland
- Colin Cureton, Director of Adoption and Scaling, Forever Green Initiative
- David VanEeckhout, Farm Program Director, The Good Acre
- Peter LaFontaine, Agricultural Policy Manager, Friends of the Mississippi River
- Nick Milanowski, Plant Protection Program, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Vang moved to lay over HF 2278, as amended. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM

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Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

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Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant