

Capital Investment Committee

MINUTES

Representative Franson, Chair of the Capital Investment Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15AM, on March 26th, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

FRANSON, Mary, Republican Chair
LEE, Fue, DFL Chair
FOGELMAN, Marij, Republican Vice-Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, DFL Vice-Chair
ALLEN, Keith
CARROLL, Ned
HANSEN, Rick
KOZNICK, Jon
LILLIE, Leon
MYERS, Andrew
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SEXTON, Thomas
SKRABA, Roger
XIONG, Jay

Representative Rymer moved the minutes of March 24th, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The following bills were heard on an informational basis only:

HF4156 (WARWAS) BUHL WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Testifier:

James (Jim) Matthews, Mayor, City of Buhl.

HF3835 (WARWAS) APPLICATION OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS CLARIFIED.

Chair Franson moved the H3835 A1 Amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Jeff Jacobson, City Administrator, City of Aurora.
Dave Skelton, Treasurer, East Range Water Board.

HF4486 (SCHWARTZ) MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER.

Testifier:

Susan Artinz, City Manager, City of Mankato.

HF4311 (ZELLEZNIKAR) DULUTH NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT.

Testifiers:

Kevin Bovee, Board Chair, North Shore Sanitary District.
Jon Loye, Project Engineer, MSA Professional Services.

HF198 (ZELLEZNIKAR) DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

Chair Franson moved the H198DE1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Tom Werner, Executive Director, Duluth International Airport.

HF4309 (ROBBINS) RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN HENNEPIN COUNTY, MEDINA, INDEPENDENCE, AND LORETTO.

Testifiers:

Brad Spencer, Mayor, City of Independence.

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator, City of Independence.

HF4032 (ROBBINS) CORCORAN WEST METRO REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY.

Testifiers:

Tom McKee, Mayor, City of Corcoran.

Matt Gottschalk, Director of Public Safety, City of Corcoran.

HF4383 (IGO) FORESTS AND FORESTRY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Testifiers:

Tom Radovich, Executive Vice President, Minnesota Forest Industries.

Jim Manolis, Director of Forest Strategy and Stewardship, The Nature Conservancy.

HF3852 (DAVIDS) ROOT RIVER STATE TRAIL.

Chair Franson moved the H3852A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

HF3995 (KNUDSEN) FRAZEE NORTH RIVER DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Testifiers:

Stephanie Poegel, City Administrator, City of Frazee.

HF4091 (REPINSKI) WINONA COUNTY PICKWICK MILL DAM REPAIR.

Testifier:

Tony Blumentritt, Project Manager, Pickwick Mill.

HF4084 (ANDERSON, P.H.) PAYNESVILLE WASTEWATER INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY EXPANSION.

Testifiers:

Tariq Al-Rifai, City Administrator, City of Paynesville.

Steve Schlangen, Dairy Farmer and Board Treasurer, Associated Milk Producers.

HF4302 (BENNETT) EASTON NEW WATER TOWER.

Testifier:

Jonathan (Jon) Rath, City Council Member, City of Easton.

HF3673 (BURKEL) MIDDLE RIVER WELL AND WELL PUMP HOUSE.

Testifiers:

Mathew Stromsodt, Mayor, City of Middle River.

Vice Chair Fogelman assumed the gavel at 11:30AM.

HF4265 (SKRABA) LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS.

Testifier:

Bradley (Brad) Harrington, Board Secretary, Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails.

Chair Franson re-assumed the gavel at 11:34AM.

HF4012 (SKRABA) SILVER BAY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Testifiers:

Lana Frailech, City Administrator, City of Silver Bay.
Andy Brotzler, Senior Project Manager, Bolton and Menk.

HF4339 (SKRABA) GITCHI GAMI STATE TRAIL.

Testifiers:

Bruce Martinson, Board President, Gitchi-Gami Trail Association.
Michelle Pierson, Executive Director, Gitchi-Gami Trail Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM.



Representative Mary Franson, Chair



Kayna Nelson, Committee Legislative Assistant

