

AGRICULTURE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Committee on Agricultural Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on February 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
CHA, Ethan
FREDERICK, Luke
HANSEN, Rick
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Rehm moved to adopt the February 21, 2023 minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1492 (Klevorn); University of Minnesota; Forever Green Initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 1492 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Klevorn presented HF 1492.

The following testified on HF 1492:

- Dr. Mitch Hunter, Associate Director, Forever Green Initiative
- Anne Schwagerl, Farmer & Vice President, Perennial Promise Growers Cooperative & Minnesota Farmers Union
- Alexandra Griffin, Grad Student, University of Minnesota

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 1492 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1645 (Brand); Continuous living cover crops and cropping systems funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 1645 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Brand presented HF 1645.

The following testified on HF 1645:

- Christopher Abbott, Founder, Perennial Pantry
- Wilber de la Rosa, Manager of Farmer Outreach and Technical Assistance, Regenerative Agriculture Alliance
- Colin Cureton, Director of Adoption and Scaling, Forever Green Initiative

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 1645 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1314 (Pursell); Carbon storage contract provisions prohibited.

Representative Pursell moved that HF 1314 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell presented HF 1314.

The following testified on HF 1314:

- Pat Lunemann, Advisory Group Member, Twin Eagle Dairy

Representative Pursell renewed the motion that HF 1314 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1316 (Pursell); Soil health financial assistance program established, pilot program modified, and money appropriated.

Representative Pursell moved that HF 1316 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell presented HF 1316.

Representative Pursell moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF 1316, as amended:

- TJ Kartes, Industry Seed Professional, Saddle Butte Agriculture
- Pat Lunemann, Advisory Group Member, Twin Eagle Dairy
- Anne Schwagerl, Vice President, Perennial Promise Growers Cooperative & Minnesota Farmers Union
- Carolyn Olson, Vice President, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Brad Jordahl Redlin, Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Pursell renewed the motion that HF 1316, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant