

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Harder, Vice Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 10, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair
HANSEN, Rick, DFL Lead
AGBAJE, Esther
BURKEL, John
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
JACOB, Steve
LAWRENCE, Bryan
LEE, Fue
NELSON, Nathan
SMITH, Andy
VANG, Samantha

Representative Lee moved the minutes of March 5, 2025, as corrected, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1704 (Anderson) Board of Animal Health funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Anderson moved HF1704 before the committee.

Chair Anderson moved the DE3 amendment before the committee.

Ken Savary, House Fiscal Analyst and Megan Mullenbach, House Research Analyst provided a walk-through of the bill.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Cameron Henning, Agronomist, Pivot Bio
Bob Dunning, Stearns County Agricultural Inspector
Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union
Laura Schrieber, Government Relations Director, Land Stewardship Project
Melissa Wolf, Executive Director, Minnesota Cable Communications Association
Tom Hanson, Winthrop and Weinstine on behalf of Minnesota Telecom Alliance
Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LiUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy
PJ Connolly, Director of Commercialization, Savanna Institute

Vice Chair Harder laid over the DE3 amendment.

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF1704

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant