

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in Room G3 of the Minnesota State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HANSEN, Rick (DFL Co-Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul (GOP Co-Chair)
SMITH, Andy (DFL Co-Vice Chair)
HARDER, Bobbie (GOP Co-Vice Chair)
AGBAJE, Esther
BURKEL, John
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GOTTFRIED, David
JACOB, Steve
LAWRENCE, Bryan
LEE, Fue
NELSON, Nathan
VANG, Samantha

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair Anderson moved to approve the minutes from March 9, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3718 (Anderson, P.H.); Provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology modified.

Co-Chair Anderson moved that HF 3718, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3965 (Tabke); Sale and use of paraquat dichloride prohibited, commissioner required to collect and dispose of paraquat dichloride, and report required.

Co-Chair Hansen moved that HF 3965 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Tabke presented HF 3965.

Testifying:

- Dan Feehan, Michael J. Fox Foundation
- Roberta Niver, Patient Advocate
- Lisa Erickson, Patient Advocate
- Deb Hogenson, Caregiver Advocate
- Morgan Schafer, Clean Water Action
- Lee Helgen, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
- Tim Braun, ADAMA US
- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Joshua Stamper, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Mark Kelm, Patient Advocate

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 3965 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

HF 3704 (Pursell); Sale and distribution of certain seeds coated or treated with systemic insecticides without the approval of the commissioner of agriculture, and application or treatment of ornamental outdoor plants and turf with neonicotinoid insecticides prohibited.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 3704 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Pursell presented HF 3704.

Testifying:

- Dawn Georgieff
- David Legvold, Legvold Farms
- Steve Ellis, Old Mill Honey Co.
- Lee Helgen, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
- Ashley Runholt, Cottonwood Co-op Oil Co.
- Carolyn Olson, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Darin Broton, Minnesota Agri-Growth Council
- Richard Syverson, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Darin Johnson, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
- Bob Luck, Twin Cities Trout Unlimited
- Kelsey Love Zaavedra
- Serena Chenery, American Bird Conservancy (via Zoom)
- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 3704 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

HF3260 (Frederick); Agricultural land trends report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Frederick moved that HF 3260 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Frederick moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frederick presented HF 3260, as amended.

Testifying:

- Taylor Olsen, Land Stewardship Project
- Anne Schwagerl, Minnesota Farmers Union (via Zoom)
- Richard Syverson, Board Member, Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Representative Frederick renewed the motion that HF 3260 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair

Grace Johnson, Committee Legislative Assistant