

STATE OF MINNESOTA TWENTY-FIRST MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on March 12th, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services, Facebook Live, and YouTube live streaming.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
ECKLUND, Rob
FISCHER, Peter
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
JORDAN, Sydney
KEELER, Heather
LEE, Fue
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

EXCUSED:

BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. A quorum was present.

Rep. Acomb moved that the minutes from March 11th, 2021 be approved. MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1896 (MORRISON) Watercraft surcharge increased, and invasive species research account created and receipts dedicated.

Rep. Morrison moved that HF1896 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Morrison renewed the motion that HF1896 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Jeff Forester, ED MN Lakes and Rivers

Uldis Birznieks, Gull Lake Association

Nicholas Phelps, Director MN Aquatic Invasive Species Resource Center

Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

HF1874 (ACOMB) Regional parks and trails funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Acomb moved that HF1874 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Acomb renewed the motion that HF1874 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Boe Carlson, Superintendent Three Rivers Park District

Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner Ramsey County

HF936 (LIPPERT) Soil health cost-sharing program established, and money appropriated.

Rep. Lippert moved that HF936 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Lippert renewed the motion that HF936 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

John Jaschke, ED Board of Soil and Water Resources

Sheila Vanney, MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Stephanie Pinkalla, The Nature Conservancy

HF932 (FISCHER) Water quality and storage program established, report required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Fischer moved that HF932 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Fischer moved H0932A1 to amend HF932 and the amendment was ADOPTED.

Rep. Fischer renewed the motion that HF932, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

John Jaschke, ED Board of Soil and Water Resources

David Weirens, Assistant Director Board of Soil and Water Resources

Carrie Jennings, Freshwater

Sheila Vanney, MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Rep. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Rick Hansen
Chair of Environment Finance and Policy

Adam Kopel
Committee Legislative Assistant