

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION MINUTES

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair of the Division on Local Government, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on February 9, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

Masin, Sandra, Chair
Elkins Steve, Vice Chair
Quam, Duane, Republican Lead
Berg, Kaela
Boldon, Liz
Huot, John
Mekeland, Shane
Olson, Bjorn
Youakim, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Lead Quam moved that the minutes from February 2, 2021 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 2618 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Hansen presented HF 2618, A bill for an act relating to local government; requiring cities to allow native landscapes on private land, and vegetation overgrowth within cities prohibited.

Testifying on HF 2618:

- Elaine Evans, Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota
- Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities
- Heidi Heiland, Lifestyles Grow Haus
- Jason Rathe, Field Outdoor Spaces
- Scott Frampton, Landscape Innovations
- Paulita Laplante, Prescription Landscape
- Tim Malooly, Irrigation by Design

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 2618 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 2618.

AYES

Masin

Elkins

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Youakim

NAYS

Quam

Mekeland

Olson

There being 6 AYES and 3 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Huot moved that HF 2894 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Huot presented HF 2894, A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting counties to establish subordinate service district.

Representative Huot moved the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers on HF 2894 as amended:

- Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner

Representative Huot renewed his motion that HF 2894, as amended, be re-referred to State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 2894 as amended.

AYES

Masin

Elkins

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Mekeland

Youakim

NAYS

Quam

Olson

There being 7 AYES and 2 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Lead Quam moved that HF 2454 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Nelson presented HF 2454, A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting the city of Mora to increase the membership of its Public Utilities Commission.

Testifiers-

- Greg Ardner, Mora Public Utilities Commission
- Alan Skramstad, Mayor, City of Mora

Lead Quam renewed his motion that HF 2454 be re-referred to State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Lead Quam requested a roll call on HF 2454.

AYES
Masin
Elkins
Quam
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Mekeland
Olson
Youakim

There being 9 AYES, and 0 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair

Joshua Kilgard, Committee Legislative Assistant