

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. on Wednesday, March 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. A quorum was present.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike, CHAIR  
VANG, Samantha, Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul, Minority Lead  
BURKEL, John  
ECKLUND, Rob  
HANSEN, Rick  
HANSON, Jessica  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
LIPPERT, Todd  
MILLER, Tim  
NELSON, Nathan  
THOMPSON, John

Excused:

LUECK, Dale

Rep. Miller moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting were adopted.

HF3999 (Lippert) Regional and local food system report funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Lippert moved that HF 3999 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Lori D. Cox, Owner/Operator, Roots Return Heritage Farm, LLC  
Julia Wickham, Legislative Coordinator, Minnesota Farmers Union  
Fallon Ryan, Sprout MN

Rep. Lippert renewed his motion, and Chair Sundin laid over HF 3999 for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

HF3212 (Kiel) Ag Innovation Campus funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 3212 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Kiel introduced the bill and responded to member questions.

Testifying:

Tom Slunecka, CEO, Ag Management Solutions

Chair Sundin laid over HF 3212 for possible inclusion the supplemental finance bill.

HF3878 (N. Nelson) Modifying membership of the Food Safety and Defense Task Force

Rep. Nelson moved that HF 3878 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Tamara Nelsen, Executive Director, MN AgriGrowth Council

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, MDA

Katherine Simon, MDA

Rep. Nelson renewed his motion, and Chair Sundin laid over HF 3878 for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

HF3751 (Hansen, R.) Pesticide and fertilizer coatings prohibited that are not readily biodegradable.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved that HF 3751 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved the H3751DE3 amendment. The motion prevailed. The DE3 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Sarah Erickson, Scott's Miracle Grow

Chair Sundin laid over HF 3751, as amended, for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

MDA and BAH provided an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

Testifying:

Dr. Beth Thompson, Executive Director, Board of Animal Health

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, MDA

Lucia Hunt, MDA, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response Director

Bruce Kleven, MN Turkey Growers Assn and the Chicken and Egg Assn of MN

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:29 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant