

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 25, 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.

Representative Frederick moved to approve the minutes from March 23, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3898 (Falconer); Pesticide provisions modified to protect wild-rice water.

Co-Chair Hansen moved that HF 3898 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Co-Chair Hansen moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Co-Chair Hansen moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Falconer presented HF 3898 as amended.

Testifying:

- Steve White, District 2 Representative, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Leanna Goose, Rise and Repair
- Gina Peltier, Rise and Repair

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 3898, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

HF 3957 (Vang); Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council and the Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer grant program authority modified.

Representative Vang moved that HF 3957 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

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

Representative Vang presented HF 3957 as amended.

Testifying:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Jeff Pagel, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 3957, as amended, be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Co-Chair Anderson requested a roll call on HF 3957 as amended.

The clerk took the roll on HF 3957 as amended:

AYES

Hansen

Smith

Agbaje

Frederick

Gottfried

Lee

Vang

NAYS

Anderson

Harder

Burkel

Gander

Jacob

Lawrence

Nelson

There being 7 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

HF 4372 (Vang); Meat processing training and retention incentive grantees allowed more time to complete projects.

Representative Vang moved that HF 4372 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Vang presented HF 4372.

Testifying:

- Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Ashley Bress, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 4372 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Co-Vice Chair Smith assumed the gavel at 2:09 P.M.

HF 4350 (Hansen, R.); Agriculture policy provisions modified.

Co-Chair Hansen moved that HF 4350, as amended, be placed on the General Register.

Co-Chair Hansen presented HF 4350 as amended.

Testifying:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Anthony Cortilet, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Raj Mann, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 4350, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Co-Chair Hansen assumed the gavel at 2:22 P.M.

HF 3692 (Smith); Farmer-Lender Mediation Act extended.

Co-Vice Chair Smith moved that HF 3692 be re-referred to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Co-Vice Chair Smith presented HF 3692.

Co-Vice Chair Smith renewed the motion that HF 3692 be re-referred to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4085 (Anderson, P.H.); Biofuel sales volume incentive program established, rulemaking authorized, and money appropriated.

Co-Chair Anderson moved that HF 4085 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Co-Chair Anderson presented HF 4085.

Testifying:

- Brian Werner, Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association
- Michael Walz, POET
- Wes Beck, Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Co-Chair Anderson renewed the motion that HF 4085 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill is laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.


Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair


Grace Johnson, Committee Legislative Assistant