

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 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, April 9, 2025, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

Representative Vang moved that the minutes of April 6, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2446 (Anderson) Department of Agriculture, Board of Animal Health, and Agricultural Utilization Research Institute budget established; policy and technical changes made to agriculture provisions; fees modified and established; civil penalties provided; money transferred; and money appropriated.

Testifying:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Carly Griffith, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Laura Schreiber, Land Stewardship Project
- Derek Ellis, Farmer
- Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Amber Backhaus, USIC Locating Services
- Virginia Witherspoon, Channel One Regional Food Bank
- Susie Novak Boelter, North Country Food Bank

Chair Anderson moved that HF 2446 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Anderson moved the H2446DE4 amendment to HF 2446.

Chair Anderson presented the DE4 amendment.

Representative Frederick moved the A2 amendment to the H2446DE4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT, TO THE AMENDMENT, WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Anderson moved the H2446A3 amendment to the H2446DE4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, TO THE AMENDMENT, WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Anderson presented the H2446DE4 as amended.

Chair Anderson renewed the motion to adopt the H2446DE4 amendment, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Anderson presented HF 2446 as amended.

Chair Anderson renewed the motion that HF 2446, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and directed non-partisan staff to make any necessary technical changes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair

Leah Killian, Committee Legislative Assistant