

**Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee Minutes**

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on February 15, 2024, in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present**

VANG, Samantha, Chair  
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead  
BURKEL, John  
CHA, Ethan  
FREDERICK, Luke  
HANSEN, Rick  
HARDER, Bobbie  
JACOB, Steven  
NELSON, Nathan  
REHM, Lucy  
SENCER-MURA, Samantha  
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Chair Vang led the introduction of new committee staff.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from March 21, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from March 23, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from March 28, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from March 30, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Presenting:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Presentation from Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI).

Presenting:

- Shannon Schlect, Executive Director, AURI
- Dan Sparks, Director of Government and Industry Relations, AURI

Presentation from Agriculture Research Education Extension Technology Transfer, University of Minnesota (AGREETT).

Presenting:

- Brian Buhr, PhD, Dean, University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS), University of Minnesota

- Mitch Hunter, Associate Director of the Forever Green Initiative and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, CFANS

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

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Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

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Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant