

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

FIFTH MEETING  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 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:

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

A quorum was present.

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Overview of Governor's budget recommendations for agriculture related accounts

- Commissioner Thom Petersen, MN Dept. of Agriculture
- Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vaubel, MN Dept. of Agriculture

MDA responded to questions from members of the committee.

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) budget and program review

- Dan Skogen, Legislative Director
- Ron Obermoller, Chair, Board of Directors
- Federico Tripodi, Board of Directors
- Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director

AURI responded to questions from members of the committee.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:17 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant