

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Andy Smith, Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., on Monday, April 13, 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 April 8, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 858 (Vang); Additional information required from bioincentive payment recipients.

Representative Vang moved that HF 858 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Vang presented HF 858.

Testifying:

- Brian Werner, Minnesota Biofuels Association

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 858 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

Presentation of Governor's Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

Presenting:

- Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Michelle Medina, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Co-Vice Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 1:19 P.M.

Co-Vice Chair Smith reconvened the meeting at 1:23 P.M.

HF 2577 (Hansen, R.); Agricultural waste handling regulations modified, and record retention of sewage sludge transfers required.

Co-Chair Hansen moved that HF 2577 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Co-Chair Hansen presented HF 2577.

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 2577 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

HF 2576 (Hansen, R.); Burning of pesticide containers prohibited.

Co-Chair Hansen moved that HF 2576 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Co-Chair Hansen presented HF 2576.

Testifying:

- Peter Kjeseth, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Joshua Stamper, Director of Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Co-Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF 2576 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Co-Chair

Grace Johnson, Committee Legislative Assistant