

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 29, 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

Members participating remotely, in accordance with House Rule 10.05

TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Presentation from Future Farmers of America.

Presenting:

- Tyler Ratka, State Vice President, ROCORI
- Alison Murrell, State Secretary, Braham

Presentation from Freshwater Society.

Presenting:

- Carrie Jennings, Ph.D., Research and Policy Director, Freshwater

Presentation from Minnesota Farmers Union.

Presenting:

- Peter Schwagerl, Big Stone County President and Representative on the Clean Water Council, Minnesota Farmers Union

Presentation from Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Presenting:

- Dan Glessing, President, Minnesota Farm Bureau

Presentation from Land Stewardship Project.

Presenting:

- Martin Larson, SWCD Technician, Olmstead County

Presentation from Minnesota Corn Growers.

Presenting:

- Dana Allen-Tully, President, Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Presentation from Minnesota Pork Producers.

Presenting:

- Maddie Hokanson, Farmer, Minnesota Pork Producers Association

Presentation from Friends of the Mississippi River.

Presenting:

- Peter LaFontaine, Agriculture Policy Manager, Friends of the Mississippi River

Presentation from Minnesota Milk Producers.

Presenting:

- Lucas Sjostrom, Executive Director, Minnesota Milk Producers

Presentation from Minnesota Crop Production Retailers.

Presenting:

- Lee Helgen, Executive Director, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
- Joel Johannigmeier, Advanced Yield Systems (AYS) Specialist, Ag Partners Coop

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from February 22, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4135 (Hansen) Agricultural fertilizer research fee and program extended by one year, drinking-water fee established for nitrogen fertilizer and private well drinking-water assistance program, testing of biosolids for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances required, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Hansen moved that HF4135 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Hansen moved H4135A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hansen presented HF 4135 as amended.

Representative Anderson moved the H4135A1 amendment.

Representative Anderson requested a roll call on H4135A1.

The clerk took the roll on the H4135A1 amendment.

AYES:

Anderson
Burkel
Frederick
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS:

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Hansen
Rehm
Sencer-Mura
Tabke

There being 6 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Anderson moved the H4135A2 amendment.

Testifying on the H4135A2 amendment:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Anderson requested a roll call on H4135A2.

The clerk took the roll on the H4135A2 amendment.

AYES:

Anderson

Burkel

Harder

Jacob

Nelson

NAYS:

Vang

Pursell

Cha

Frederick

Hansen

Rehm

Sencer-Mura

Tabke

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4135 as amended:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Hansen renewed the motion that HF 4135 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Representative Anderson requested a roll call on HF 4135 as amended.

The clerk took the roll on HF 4135 as amended.

AYES:

Anderson

Burkel

Frederick

Harder

Jacob

Nelson

NAYS:

Vang

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There being 6 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant