

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

Chair: [Rep. Samantha Vang](#)

Vice-Chair: [Rep. Kristi Pursell](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Basement Hearing Room

AGENDA*

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes from February 29, 2024
3. [HF 4044 \(Jacob\)](#) Property tax credit established for acres certified under Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program, and money appropriated.
4. [HF 4547 \(Vang\)](#) Modifying eligibility and applicant priority for farm down payment assistance grants.
 - a. **Levi Welbourn**, Latino Economic Development Center, and emerging farmer
 - b. **Taylor Olsen**, Land Stewardship Project Land Access, Emerging Farmers Working Group Member
 - c. **Nura Ahmed and Farhio Khalif**, Big River Farms
 - d. **Zoe Hollomon**, Executive Director, Midwest Farmers of Color Collective
5. [HF 3763 \(Vang\)](#) Base funding for agricultural growth, research, and innovation program increased.
 - a. **Josh VanDerPol**, Pastures a' Plenty Farm
 - b. **Loren Dauer**, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024

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