

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

TWENTY-NINTH 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 Monday, February 14, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. A quorum was present.

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
NELSON, Nathan
THOMPSON, John

Excused:

MILLER, Tim

Rep. Anderson moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting were adopted.

HF 2980 (Ecklund) Veterinary diagnosing laboratory equipment funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Ecklund moved that HF 2980 be laid over for possible inclusion in a supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Dr. Jerry Torrison, Director, U of M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Dave Preisler, CEO, MN Pork Producers Association
Dr. Michelle Carstensen, MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Chair Sundin laid over HF 2980.

The Board of Animal Health (BAH) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented a legislatively mandated report on Concurrent Authority of farmed white-tailed deer.

Testifying:

Dr. Beth Thompson, Executive Director, BAH
Dr. Linda Glaser, Assistant Director, BAH
Capt. Robert Gorecki, DNR
Bob Maier, Assistant Commissioner, DNR

HF 2814 (Ecklund) Farmed Cervidae owner requirements modified, chronic wasting disease live-animal testing required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Ecklund moved that HF 2814 be recommended to be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Testifying:

John Zanmiller, Bluffland Whitetails Association
Dr. Peter Larsen, University of Minnesota, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences

Craig Engwall, Executive Director, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association
Dr. Jerry Torrison, Director, U of M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Dave Carlson, President of Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance (MOHA)
Tony Kwilas, Minnesota Elk Breeders Association
Dr. Davin Henderson, CWD Evolution LLC
Tim Spreck, Minnesota Deer Farmers

Rep. Ecklund modified his motion and moved to refer HF 2814 without recommendation to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN
VANG
ANDERSON
ECKLUND
HANSEN, R.
HANSON, J.
KLEVORN
LIPPERT
THOMPSON

NAYS:

BURKEL
LUECK
NELSON

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

MILLER

There being 9 ayes and 3 nays, HF 2814 was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee without recommendation.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:33 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant