

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Anderson, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on April 2, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair
HANSEN, Rick, DFL Lead
AGBAJE, Esther
BURKEL, John
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GOTTFRIED, David
JACOB, Steve
LAWRENCE, Bryan
LEE, Fue
NELSON, Nathan
SMITH, Andy
VANG, Samantha

Representative Harder moved the minutes of March 26, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2878 (Murphy) Commercial feed licensees authorized to employ veterinarians.

Chair Anderson moved HF 2878 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:
Dr. Trevor Ames, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association
Joseph Doll, Owner, J&L Feed Store

Chair Anderson laid over HF 2878.

HF 2667 (Nelson) Definition for restricted pesticide handler added, and restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers modified.

Representative Nelson moved HF 2667 before the committee.

Representative Nelson moved the H2667A1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following individuals testified on the bill.
Bruce Kleven, Representing MN Ariel Applicators Association, MN Sugar Beet Growers Association, and MN Wheat Growers Association.
Peder Kjeseth, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Joshua Stamper, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Vice Chair Harder assumed the gavel at 1:20 PM.

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF 2667 as amended.

HF 1795 (Nelson) Farm to school and early care programs funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Nelson moved HF 1795 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Joan Olson, Prairie Drifter Farm, Litchfield, MN
Cindy VenDerPol, Pastures A Plenty, Kerkhoven

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF 1795.

HF 2683 (Anderson) Biofertilizer innovation and efficiency program established, rulemaking required, and money appropriated.

Chair Anderson moved HF 2683 before the committee.

Chair Anderson moved the H2683A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individual testified on the bill:

Cameron Henning, PivotBio

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF 2683.

HF 2446 (Anderson) Department of Agriculture, Board of Animal Health, and Agricultural Utilization Research Institute budget established; policy and technical changes made to agriculture provisions; fees modified and established; civil penalties provided; money transferred; and money appropriated. (walkthrough and testimony)

Representative Anderson moved HF 2446 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Michelle Medina, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Laura Lemke, Executive Director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Mark Abrahamson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF 2446.

Chair Anderson assumed the gavel at 2:30 PM.

HF 2916 (Smith) Southeast regional groundwater protection and soil health initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Smith moved Hf 2916 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Skip Langer, Olmsted County SWCD Director
Kevin Connelly, Farmer and Program Participant
Jeff Pagel, Paclear Farm

Chair Anderson laid over HF 2916

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.



Representative Paul Anderson, Chair



Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant