

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Harder, Vice Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 10, 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  
JACOB, Steve  
LAWRENCE, Bryan  
LEE, Fue  
NELSON, Nathan  
SMITH, Andy  
VANG, Samantha

Representative Lee moved the minutes of March 5, 2025, as corrected, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1704 (Anderson) Board of Animal Health funding provided, and money appropriated.**

Chair Anderson moved HF1704 before the committee.

Chair Anderson moved the DE3 amendment before the committee.

Ken Savary, House Fiscal Analyst and Megan Mullenbach, House Research Analyst provided a walk-through of the bill.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Cameron Henning, Agronomist, Pivot Bio  
Bob Dunning, Stearns County Agricultural Inspector  
Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau  
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union  
Laura Schrieber, Government Relations Director, Land Stewardship Project  
Melissa Wolf, Executive Director, Minnesota Cable Communications Association  
Tom Hanson, Winthrop and Weinstine on behalf of Minnesota Telecom Alliance  
Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LiUNA Minnesota and North Dakota  
Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy  
PJ Connolly, Director of Commercialization, Savannah Institute

Vice Chair Harder laid over the DE3 amendment.

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF1704

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

  
Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

  
Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant