

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Committee on Agricultural Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on January 26, 2023, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

VANG, Samantha, Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead
CHA, Ethan
HANSEN, Rick
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
TABKE, Brad
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
BURKEL, John

A quorum was present.

Representative Hansen moved to adopt the minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Office of Broadband Development.

Presenting:

- Bree Maki, Executive Director, Office of Broadband Development, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Presentation from the Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division.

Presenting:

- Mark Abrahamson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division
- Nick Milanowski, Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division

HF 47 (Hansen); Pollinator research funding provided, money transferred, and money appropriated.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 47 be laid over.

Representative Hansen presented HF 47.

Testifying on HF 47:

- Dr. Elaine Evans, Associate Extension Professor for the Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Dan Cariveau, Associate Professor for the Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF 47 be laid over.

HF 352 (Hansen); University of Minnesota; heritage oilseed and grain initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 352 be laid over.

Representative Hansen presented HF 352.

Testifying on HF 352:

- Brian Buhr, Dean, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Gary Muehlbauer, Department Head Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF 352 be laid over.

HF 80 (Anderson); County agricultural inspector grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Anderson moved that HF 80 be laid over.

Representative Anderson presented HF 80.

Testifying on HF 80:

- Jon Bloemendaal, County Agriculture Inspectors, Murray County

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF 80 be laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant