

Capital Investment Committee

MINUTES

Representative Franson, Chair of the Capital Investment Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15AM, on March 26th, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

FRANSON, Mary, Republican Chair
LEE, Fue, DFL Chair
FOGELMAN, Marj, Republican Vice-Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, DFL Vice-Chair
ALLEN, Keith
CARROLL, Ned
HANSEN, Rick
KOZNICK, Jon
LILLIE, Leon
MYERS, Andrew
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SEXTON, Thomas
SKRABA, Roger
XIONG, Jay

Representative Rymer moved the minutes of March 24th, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF4156 (WARWAS) BUHL WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**

HF4156 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifier:

James (Jim) Matthews, Mayor, City of Buhl.

**HF3835 (WARWAS) APPLICATION OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS CLARIFIED.**

Chair Franson moved HF3835 before the committee.

Chair Franson moved the H3835 A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Jeff Jacobson, City Administrator, City of Aurora.

Dave Skelton, Treasurer, East Range Water Board.

HF3835 was laid over, as amended.

**HF4486 (SCHWARTZ) MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
TOWER.**

HF4486 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifier:

Susan Artanz, City Manager, City of Mankato.

HF4311 (ZELEZNIKAR) DULUTH NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT.

Chair Franson moved HF4311 before the committee.

Chair Franson moved the H4311 DE1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Kevin Bovee, Board Chair, North Shore Sanitary District.
Jon Loye, Project Engineer, MSA Professional Services.

HF3852 was laid over, as amended.

HF198 (ZELEZNIKAR) DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

HF198 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Tom Werner, Executive Director, Duluth International Airport.

HF4309 (ROBBINS) RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN HENNEPIN COUNTY, MEDINA, INDEPENDENCE, AND LORETTO.

HF4309 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Brad Spencer, Mayor, City of Independence.
Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator, City of Independence.

HF4032 (ROBBINS) CORCORAN WEST METRO REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY.

HF4032 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Tom McKee, Mayor, City of Corcoran.
Matt Gottschalk, Director of Public Safety, City of Corcoran.

HF4383 (IGO) FORESTS AND FORESTRY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

HF4383 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Tom Radovich, Executive Vice President, Minnesota Forest Industries.
Jim Manolis, Director of Forest Strategy and Stewardship, The Nature Conservancy.

HF3852 (DAVIDS) ROOT RIVER STATE TRAIL.

Chair Franson moved HF3852 before the committee.

Chair Franson moved the H3852 A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

HF3852 was laid over, as amended.

HF3995 (KNUDSEN) FRAZEE NORTH RIVER DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

HF3995 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Stephanie Poegel, City Administrator, City of Frazee.

HF4091 (REPINSKI) WINONA COUNTY PICKWICK MILL DAM REPAIR.

HF4091 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Tony Blumentritt, Project Manager, Pickwick Mill.

HF4084 (ANDERSON, P.H.) PAYNESVILLE WASTEWATER INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY EXPANSION.

HF4084 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Tariq Al-Rifai, City Administrator, City of Paynesville.
Steve Schlangen, Dairy Farmer and Board Treasurer, Associated Milk Producers.

HF4302 (BENNETT) EASTON NEW WATER TOWER.

HF4302 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifier:

Jonathan (Jon) Rath, City Council Member, City of Easton.

HF3673 (BURKEL) MIDDLE RIVER WELL AND WELL PUMP HOUSE.

HF3673 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Mathew Stromsodt, Mayor, City of Middle River.

Vice Chair Fogelman assumed the gavel at 11:30AM.

HF4265 (SKRABA) LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS.

HF4265 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifier:

Bradley (Brad) Harrington, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager, Wright County.

Chair Franson re-assumed the gavel at 11:34AM.

HF4012 (SKRABA) SILVER BAY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

HF4012 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Lana Fralich, City Administrator, City of Silver Bay.
Andy Brotzler, Senior Project Manager, Bolton and Menk.

HF4339 (SKRABA) GITCHI GAMI STATE TRAIL.

HF4339 was heard on an informational basis only.

Testifiers:

Bruce Martinson, Board President, Gitchi-Gami Trail Association.
Michelle Pierson, Executive Director, Gitchi-Gami Trail Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM.

Representative Mary Franson, Chair

Karina Nelson, Committee Legislative Assistant