

**HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Peter Fischer, Co-Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

FISCHER, Peter, DFL Co-Chair
HEINTZEMAN, Josh, GOP Co-Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, DFL Co-Vice Chair
BURKEL, John, GOP Co-Vice Chair
FALCONER, Alex
FINKE, Leigh
GILLMAN, Dawn
GOTTFRIED, David
HANSEN, Rick
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
SCHULTZ, Isaac
WARWAS, Cal

Members excused:

JORDAN, Sydney

A quorum was present.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from April 10, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from February 19, 2026 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on groundwater management.

Presenting:

- Jason Moeckel, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Ellen Consadine, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Presentation from the Metropolitan Council on water sustainability.

Presenting:

- Sam Paske, Metropolitan Council

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on community tree planting grants.

Presenting:

- Valerie McClannahan, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Presentation from the Metropolitan Council on community tree planting grants.

Presenting:

- LisaBeth Barajas, Metropolitan Council

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Robin Mercer-Taylor, Committee Legislative Assistant