

STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRTY-SECOND MEETING  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on September 14th, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services, Facebook Live, and YouTube live streaming.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)  
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)  
ACOMB, Patty  
AKLAND, Susan  
BACKER, Jeff  
BECKER-FINN, Jamie  
ECKLUND, Rob  
FISCHER, Peter  
GREEN, Steve  
IGO, Spencer  
JORDAN, Sydney  
KEELER, Heather  
LIPPERT, Todd  
MORRISON, Kelly  
NELSON, Nathan  
THEIS, Tama

Members excused:

LEE, Fue  
LUECK, Dale

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present.

A presentation was given presenting updates on the work of the University of Minnesota Prion Research and Outreach on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Presenters:

Dr. Peter Larsen, Director of UMN Prion Research and Outreach

An update was presented by the Department of Natural Resources on work regarding CWD.

Presenters:

Dave Olfelt, Director Fish and Wildlife Division DNR

Michelle Carstensen, Supervisor Wildlife Health Program DNR

Dave Benke, Director Resource Management Division, MN Pollution Control Agency

Chris Balzer, Co-Manager Farmed Cervidae Containment Project DNR

Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner DNR

An update was presented by the MN Board of Animal Health regarding the Farmed Cervidae Program.

Presenters:

Dr. Beth Thompson, Executive Director Board of Animal Health

Dr. Linda Glaser, Assistant Director Board of Animal Health

Public Testimony was taken

Testifiers:

Patrick Boyle, Commissioner St. Louis County

Keith Nelson, Commissioner St. Louis County

Brad Gausman, Executive Director MN Conservation Federation

Matt Lee, Chair Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Jeff Savage, Vice Chair Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Rep. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 11:56 A.M.

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Rick Hansen  
Chair of Environment Finance and Policy

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Adam Kopel  
Committee Legislative Assistant