

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, March 14, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. A quorum was present.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike, CHAIR  
VANG, Samantha, Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul, Minority Lead  
BURKEL, John  
ECKLUND, Rob  
HANSEN, Rick  
HANSON, Jessica  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
LIPPERT, Todd  
LUECK, Dale  
NELSON, Nathan  
THOMPSON, John

Excused:

MILLER, Tim

Rep. Hanson, J. moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting were adopted.

MN Department of Agriculture provided an update on their Emerging Farmers Working Group Legislative Report and the Emerging Farmers Office

Presenting:

Patrice Bailey, MDA, Assistant Commissioner  
Lillian Otieno, MDA, Emerging Farmer Outreach & Engagement Coordinator  
Janssen Hang, MDA Emerging Farmers Working Group Member

HF 3263 (Vang) Farm down payment assistance program established, and money appropriated.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 3263 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Vong Thao, farmer  
Tara Schulte

Rep. Vang renewed her motion, and HF 3263 was laid over for possible inclusion the supplemental finance bill.

HF 4111 (Vang) Cooperative grants established.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 4111 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Ben Penner, Perennial Promise Growers Cooperative  
Stu Lourey, MN Farmers Union

Chair Sundin laid over HF 4111 for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:11 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant