

STATE OF MINNESOTA FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. March 17, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

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
LEE, Fue
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

Members excused:

Members absent:

A quorum was present.

Representative Fischer moved that the minutes of March 15, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice-Chair Wazlawik assumed the gavel at 1:04 P.M.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 3773 (Hansen) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Hansen presented HF 3773; Minnesota Swan Protection Act established, breeding-swan waters designation allowed, criminal penalties provided, rulemaking authorized, and money appropriated.

Testifying on HF 3773:

- Dr. Dale Gentry, Conservation Manager, Audubon Minnesota.
- Carrol Henderson, Citizen.
- Laurie Degernes, Professor Emerita of Avian Medicine, North Carolina State University
- Janette Dean, Sierra Club Minnesota.
- Katie Smith, Ecological and Wildlife Resources Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Representative Hansen renewed his motion that HF 3773 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Chair Hansen assumed the gavel at 1:45 P.M.

Representative Wazlawik moved that HF 4107 (Wazlawik) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Wazlawik moved that the A2 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Wazlawik presented HF 4107, as amended; Scenic and natural area maintenance funding provided, and money appropriated.

Testifying on HF 4107, as amended:

- Bob Djupstrom, Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas.
- Neal Feeken, Land Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy.

Representative Wazlawik renewed her motion that HF 4107, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Lippert moved that HF 4274 (Lippert) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Lippert moved that the A2 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lippert presented HF 4274, as amended, Drainage registry information portal established.

Testifying on HF 4274, as amended:

- Jerry Wilhelm, Volunteer, the Izaak Walton League.
- Phillip Solseng, Volunteer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley and the Izaak Walton League.
- Peg Furshong, Director of Programs, Clean Up the River Environment (CURE).
- Brian Martinson, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC).
- Tom Gile, Resource Conservation Section Manager, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

Representative Lippert renewed his motion that HF 4274, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Lippert moved that HF 3302 (Lippert) be recommended to be re-referred to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Lippert moved that the DE2 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lippert presented HF 3302, as amended, Soil health practice adoption funding provided, and money appropriated.

Testifying on HF 3302, as amended:

- Tom Cotter, Mower County Crop & Livestock Farmer. Member, Land Stewardship Project (LSP).
- Ann Marcelle Lewandowski, University of Minnesota Water Resources Center. Coordinator, Minnesota Office for Soil Health.

Representative Lippert renewed his motion that HF 3302, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Hansen directed the clerk to take the roll on HF 3302, as amended.

AYES:

HANSEN, Rick

WAZLAWIK, Ami

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There being 11 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 2:33 P.M.

Rick Hansen
Chair of Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

Scotland Kraker
Committee Legislative Assistant