

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

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on March 12, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
BRAND, Jeff
BURKEL, John
EDELSON, Heather
FINKE, Leigh
FISCHER, Peter
GILLMAN, Dawn
JACOB, Steven
LEE, Fue
PURSELL, Kristi
SKRABA, Roger
VANG, Samantha

Members Excused:

LISLEGARD, Dave

A quorum was present.

Representative Lee moved to approve the minutes from March 6, 2024, with a technical correction. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3651 (Kozlowski); Chippewa Bands authorized to establish open seasons for big game in accordance with 1854 treaty, and prior appropriation modified.

Chair Hansen moved that HF3651 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Kozlowski presented HF3651, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Cathy Chavers, Chair, Bois Forte Band
- Robert Deschampe, Chair, Grand Portage Band
- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF3651, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF3783 (Kozlowski); Tax-forfeited land that includes land within boundary of Indian reservation required to be offered to affected bands before being offered for sale to other parties.

Chair Hansen moved that HF3783 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Kozlowski presented HF3783.

Testifying on the bill:

- Robert Deschampe, Chair, Grand Portage Band
- April McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer, Grand Portage Band
- Kirsten Johnson, Founder, Rez to Residential
- Dave Vipond, Citizen, Mahnomen, Minnesota
- David Geray, Commissioner, Mahnomen County
- Richard Vareberg, Commissioner, Becker County
- Todd Simminson, Citizen, Detroit Lake, MN
- Thomas Houle, Citizen, Minnetonka, MN
- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF3783 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4454 (Newton); Study to determine the extent to which school trust lands are used for recreational purposes required, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4454 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Newton.

Testifying on the bill:

- Kim Lewis, Lobbyist, Minnesota School Board Association
- Aaron VandeLinde, Director, Minnesota School Trust Lands Commission

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4454 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Jordan assumed the gavel at 4:13 P.M.

HF4624 (Hansen, R.); Report on state agency salt purchases required and reduction goal established.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4624 be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Chair Hansen presented HF4624.

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4624 be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4365 (Daniels); French Lake water quality grant availability extended.

Representative Heintzeman moved that HF4365 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Daniels presented HF4365.

Representative Hansen assumed the gavel at 4:23 P.M.

Testifying on the bill:

- Dan Larson, Government Affairs Representative, WaterQuality3D
- Greg Biddle, Member, Twin Lake Association

Representative Heintzeman renewed the motion that HF4365 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1788 (Nelson, N.); Sale of adipose tissue from animals and fish allowed.

Representative Heintzeman moved that HF1788 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Nelson presented HF1788.

Testifying on the bill:

- Mary Beth Beske, Owner, The Cottage, Hinckley, MN
- Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife

Representative Heintzeman renewed the motion that HF1788 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

Sam O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant