

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

TENTH MEETING
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. on Monday, February 15, 2021, 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
MILLER, Tim
NELSON, Nathan
THOMPSON, John

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting were adopted.

MDA continued to provide a budget and program review, and responded to member questions.

Administration and Financial Assistance

- Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, MDA

County and district agricultural societies

- A.J. Duerr

Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council

- Sarah Dornink, Executive Director

MN Horticultural Society

- Rick Juliusson, Executive Director

Second Harvest Heartland: Farm to Foodshelf program

- Allison O'Toole, Chief Executive Officer

HF 790 (Hanson, J.) Second Harvest Heartland previous appropriation modified, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hanson, J. moved that HF 790 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Ag Finance bill.

Rep. Hanson, J. presented HF 790.

Testifying:

Allison O'Toole, Chief Executive Officer, Second Harvest Heartland

Rep. Hanson, J. renewed her motion. HF 790 was laid over for further consideration in a future omnibus bill.

Chair Sundin passed to virtual gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 1:57 P. M.

HF 178 (Sundin) COVID-19; agriculture 2020 appropriation availability modified.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 178 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Sundin presented HF 178.

Peder Kjeseth, Legislative Director, MDA, responded to member questions.

Rep. Sundin renewed his motion that HF 178 be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ANDERSON

BURKEL

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

LUECK

MILLER

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THOMPSON

NAYS:

There being 13 ayes and 0 nays, the motion prevailed.

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 2:04 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant