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 9:30 A.M. on October 23, 2023, in Room 120 of the Minnesota Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)
BRAND, Jeff
BURKEL, John
EDELSON, Heather
FINKE, Leigh
FISCHER, Peter
GILLMAN, Dawn
JACOB, Steven
LISLEGARD, Dave
PURSELL, Kristi
SCHULTZ, Isaac
VANG, Samantha

Members Excused:

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A quorum was present.

Chronic Wasting Disease efforts update presentation.

Presenters:

- Dr. Peter Larsen, Co-Director, Minnesota Center for Prion Research and Outreach
- Dr. Tiffany Wolf, Co-Director, Minnesota Center for Prion Research and Outreach
- Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director, University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy
- Dr. Kelly Straka, Wildlife Section Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Mike Oehler, Farmed Deer and Captive Species Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Dr. Erik Jopp, Assistant Director, Minnesota Board of Animal Health

Implementation of Inflow and Infiltration Grants presentation from the Metropolitan Council.

Presenters:

• Ned Smith, Director, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Representative Jordan assumed the gavel at 10:59 A.M.

Representative Hansen assumed the gavel at 11:02 A.M.

Climate Resiliency Grants and Cumulative Impacts presentation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Presenters:

• Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Emerald Ash Borer Grants and Neonicotinoids in Wildlife presentation from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Presenters:

- Valerie McCalannahan, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Dr. Kelly Straka, Wildlife Section Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Water Storage and Lawns to Legumes presentation from the Minnesota Board on Water and Soil Resources.

Presenters:

• Angela Fish, Director, Minnesota Board on Water and Soil Resources.

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair
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