

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

TWENTY-SECOND 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 Wednesday, April 7, 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 March 24, 2021 meeting were adopted.

HF 1524 (Sundin) Omnibus Agriculture Finance Bill

Chair Sundin provided an overview of the bill and gave remarks on the process.

Chair Sundin moved HF 1524 to get the bill before the committee.

Non-partisan staff provided a walkthrough of the DE2 Amendment and the financial spreadsheet.

- Colbey Sullivan, House Research
- Ken Savary, Fiscal Analyst

Testifying:

Commissioner Thom Petersen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Lori D. Cox, Owner/Operator, Roots Return Heritage Farm, LLC  
Allison O'Toole, CEO, Second Harvest Heartland  
Sarah Foltz Jordan, Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society  
Tim Rudnicki, MN Biofuels Association  
Kevin George, independent wild game processor  
Stu Lourey, MN Farmers Union

Assistant Commissioner Whitney Place and Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vaubel from MDA responded to member questions.

Chair Sundin laid over HF 1524.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:28 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant