

AGRICULTURE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Committee on Agricultural Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on February 9, 2023, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

VANG, Samantha, Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead
BURKEL, John
CHA, Ethan
HANSEN, Rick
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
TABKE, Brad

Members Excused:

FREDERICK, Luke

A quorum was present.

Representative Burkel moved to adopt the February 7, 2023, minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Agriculture Education and Leadership Council.

Presenting:

- Sarah Dornick, Executive Director, Minnesota Agriculture Education and Leadership Council.

HF 1431 (Tabke); Minnesota Agricultural Education and Leadership Council grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Tabke moved that HF 1431 be laid over.

Representative Tabke presented HF 1431.

The following testified on HF 1431:

- Tom Appel, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators.
- Sarah Dornick, Executive Director, Minnesota Agriculture Education and Leadership Council.
- Kaytlin Bemis, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Representative Tabke renewed the motion that HF 1431 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

Presentation from the Future Farmers of America.

Presenting:

- Dr. Lavyne Rada, Interim State Executive Director, Future Farmers of America.
- Noah Erickson, Minnesota State Sentinel, Future Farmers of America.
- Kyle Thomas, Former State Treasurer, Future Farmers of America.

Presentation from Head, Heart, Hands, and Health (4-H).

Presenting:

- Dr. Jennifer Skuza, Associate Dean and State 4-H Director, University of Minnesota Extension.

HF 1147 (Hansen); Agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer grant program and Farm Business Management challenge grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hanson moved that HF 1147 be laid over.

Representative Tabke presented HF 1147.

The following testified on HF 1147:

- Anne Schwagerl, Vice President, Minnesota Farmers Union.
- Keith Olander, Executive Director, Minnesota State Farm Business Management.
- Kaytlin Bemis, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

Representative Hansen renewed the motion that HF 1147 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 P.M.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant