

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

TWELFTH 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 Monday, February 22, 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 17, 2021 meeting were adopted.

State Officers from the MN FFA addressed the committee as part of FFA Week.

Emilee Xayanourom, MN FFA State Vice-President

Anna Euerle, MN FFA State President

MDA Emerging Farmers Report

Patrice Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, MDA

Michael Birchard, VP of Diversity & Equity, Inver Hills Community College

Henry Jimenez, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC)

Naima Dhore, Founder of the Somali Farmer Association/Working Group Member

HF 1274 (J. Hanson) Permitting the commissioner of agriculture to accept donations on behalf of the emerging farmer working group

Rep. Hanson, J. moved that HF 1274 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Agriculture Finance bill and presented her bill.

Testifying:

Hannah Bernhardt, Emerging Farmers working group member, founder of Medicine Creek Farms

Rep. Hanson, J. renewed her motion and HF 1274 was laid over for possible inclusion.

HF 1010 (Lippert) Statewide soil health action plan development funding provided

Rep. Lippert moved that HF 1010 be recommended to be referred to the Environment & Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Lippert moved the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Dr. David Mulla, UMN

Jim Stark, LCC, Water Commission

Dr. Ann Marcelle Lewandowski, UMN

Chair Sundin provided context for a procedural motion to move HF 1010 out of committee.

Rep. Lippert moved a procedural motion to delete Section 3 of the bill and lay it over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. The motion prevailed, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. Lippert renewed his motion that HF 1010, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ANDERSON

ECKLUND

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

NELSON

THOMPSON

NAYS:

BURKEL

LUECK

MILLER

Absent/Excused:

HANSEN, R.

There being 9 ayes and 3 nays, the motion prevailed.

HF 80 (Lippert) Farmer-lender mediation period extended

Chair Sundin brought back HF 80 before the committee.

Rep. Lippert moved the DE1 amendment.

Testifying:

Perry Aasness, Compeer Financial

Mark Miedtke, Citizens State Bank of Hayfield

Chuck Aug, representing Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota

The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Rep. Lippert renewed his motion that HF 80, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

THOMPSON

NAYS:

ANDERSON

BURKEL

LUECK

MILLER

NELSON

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, the motion prevailed.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant