

Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee Minutes

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM on April 4, 2024, in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office 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
FREDERICK, Luke
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
REHM, Lucy
TABKE, Brad

Members Excused:

HANSEN, Rick

A quorum was present.

Representative Pursell moved that the minutes from April 2, 2024, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF5229 (Vang) Agriculture provisions modified, and money appropriated.

Chair Vang moved that HF5229 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) presented HF5229.

Presenting on HF5229:

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, MDA
- Michelle Medina, Government Relations Director, MDA
- Margaret Wagner, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, MDA
- Anthony Cortilet, Plant Protection Division, MDA
- Kelly Straka, Wildlife Section Manager, Fish and Wildlife, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Paul Hugunin, Director of Agriculture Marketing and Development Division, MDA

HF5229 was laid over.

HF5231 (Vang) Supplemental appropriations and transfers relating to broadband made.

Chair Vang moved that HF5231 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Office of Broadband Development presented HF5231.

Presenting on HF5231:

- Bree Maki, Executive Director of the Office of Broadband Management, DEED

- Darielle Dannen, Government Relations Director, DEED

HF5231 was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant