

**Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee Minutes**

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on April 11, 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  
HANSEN, Rick  
HARDER, Bobbie  
JACOB, Steven  
TABKE, Brad  
REHM, Lucy

**Members Excused**

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

**Members Absent**

NELSON, Nathan

A quorum was present.

HF3411 (Fischer) Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council fee extended for the agricultural fertilizer research and education account.

Chair Vang moved that HF3411 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Fischer presented HF3411.

Testifying on HF3411

- Grant Anderson, Chair, AFREC Council
- Tom Cotter, Farmer, Land Stewardship Project
- Jeff Pagel, Dairy Farmer and District 1 Director, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

HF3411 was laid over.

HF5147 (Pursell) Requirements for labeling of food consisting of honey and another sweetener specified.

Representative Pursell moved that HF5147 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell presented HF5147.

HF5147 was laid over.

HF4989 (Pursell) Clean water, climate-start, and soil-healthy farming goals established; pilot program to provide financial incentives for farming practices in southeastern Minnesota created; fertilizer fee extended; data collection required; and money appropriated.

Representative Pursell presented the DE1 to HF4989, informationally.

Testifying on the DE1 to HF4989:

- Dr. Carrie Jennings, Research and Policy Director, Freshwater
- Ariel Kagan, Climate and Working Lands Director, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Brad Jordahl Redlin, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Peder Kjeseth, Assistant Commissioner, MDA
- Margaret Wagner, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, MDA

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

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Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant