

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

FORTIETH 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, March 23, 2022, 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  
MILLER, Tim  
NELSON, Nathan  
THOMPSON, John

Excused:

LUECK, Dale

Rep. Anderson moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting were adopted.

Chair Sundin passed the virtual gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 1:02 P.M.

HF 3218 (Sundin) Agricultural microloan program provisions amended.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 3218 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Testifying:

Matt McDevitt, Ag Finance Supervisor, MDA

Rep. Sundin renewed his motion that HF 3218 be placed on the General Register.

AYES:

SUNDIN  
VANG  
ECKLUND  
HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.  
KLEVORN  
LIPPERT  
THOMPSON

NAYS:  
ANDERSON  
BURKEL  
MILLER  
NELSON

Excused:  
LUECK

There being 8 ayes and 4 nays, the motion prevailed, and HF 3218 was placed on the General Register.

HF 4366 (Sundin) Cooperative grant farmer established, grain indemnity fund established, agricultural provision policy and technical changes made, criminal penalties provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 4366 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Sundin moved the H4366A3 amendment. The motion prevailed, and the A3 amendment was adopted.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture walked the committee through HF 4366 and the Governor's supplemental budget recommendations.

Presenting:  
Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, MDA  
Thom Petersen, Commissioner, MDA

Testifying:  
David Van Eeckhout, Farm Program Director, The Good Acre  
Maeve Mallozzi-Kelly, AmeriCorps VISTA, Minnesota Farmers' Market Association  
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union  
Laura Lemke, Executive Director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association  
Rachel Sosnowchik, Public Affairs Specialist, Second Harvest Heartland  
Jim Falk, Falk Seeds

Rep. Sundin renewed his motion and HF4366, as amended, was laid over for further consideration.

Rep. Sundin reassumed the Chair at 2:05 P.M.

HF 4057 (Anderson) Meat cutting and butchery training grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 4057 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Eric Sawatzke, agriculture instructor, West Central Area schools

Jaden Carey, student, Braham Area Schools FFA

Rep. Anderson renewed his motion and HF 4057 was laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

HF 2147 (Anderson) County agricultural inspector grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 2147 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Anderson moved the H2147DE1 amendment. The motion prevailed, and the DE1 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Joseph Enfield, CHMM, CAI, Lead Environmentalist, Carver County Public Services Division

Rep. Anderson renewed his motion and HF 2147, as amended, was laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:23 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant