

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

EIGHTH 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 8, 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 3, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the first joint hearing of the Ag Finance and Policy Committee and Environment and Natural Resources Finance & Policy Committee. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the February 5, 2021 joint meeting were adopted.

MDA continued to provide a budget and program review, and responded to member questions.

Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program

- Paul Hugunin, AMDD Director
- Ashley Bress, AMDD Grants Team Supervisor
- Evan Flom, Community Action Duluth (Urban Ag)
- Ebony Coles, ARTS-US (Urban Ag)
- Erica Sawatzke, Oakdale Farm (Livestock Investment and Farm Business Management)
- Jeff Metz, Metz's Hart-Land Dairy (Value-Added)
- K.C. Kye, K-Mama Sauce, LLC (New Markets)
- Kris Biessener, Mark's Market (Good Food Access)
- Jayme Anderson, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (Farm to School)

Dairy Presentation

- Shelly DePestel, Vice President, MN Milk Producers Association
- Kristine, Kate, and Ryan Spadgenske, MN Milk Producers of the Year

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:24 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant