

Senate Capital Investment Committee

Wednesday, January 5, 2005

Room 15 - State Capitol

MINUTES

Present:

Senator Langseth, Chair
Senator Kiscaden, Vice Chair
Senator Berglin
Senator Chaudhary
Senator Cohen
Senator Frederickson
Senator Gaither
Senator Gerlach
Senator Johnson, Dean
Senator Kierlin
Senator Koering
Senator Larson
Senator Metzen
Senator Murphy
Senator Pappas
Senator Robling
Senator Ruud
Senator Sams
Senator Senjem
Senator Skoglund
Senator Stumpf
Senator Higgins

Absent:

Senator Murphy

Senator Langseth called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He spoke on the importance of passing a bonding bill early in the session. The committee heard three bonding requests for environmental projects with testimony from:

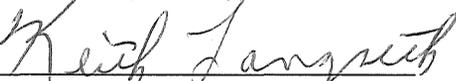
Ron Harnack, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
Bob Meier, Deputy Commissioner, MN Department of Natural Resources
Joe Kurcinka, Budget Division, MN Department of Natural Resources
Kent Lokkesmoe, Water Division, MN Department of Natural Resources
Bob Tomlinson, Forestry Division, MN Department of Natural Resources
Larry G. Peterson, MN Department of Natural Resources
Judy Erickson, Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota Senate

Senator Dan Sparks explained the damage caused in Austin, MN from the September 2004 flooding of the Cedar River.

The following advocates also testified at the committee:

Gary Botzek, Minnesota Environmental Partnership
Allison Wolf, The Nature Conservancy
Lance K. Ness, Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance
Cordelia Pierson, The Trust for Public Land

Senator Langseth adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Senator Keith Langseth, Chair



Marge Romero, Secretary

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Senate Committee Meeting Log

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AGENDA

Bonding requests for environmental projects

1. Board of Water and Soil Resources:
Ron Harnack, Executive Director
2. Department of Natural Resources
Mark Holsten, Deputy Commissioner
4. ~~3~~ Emergency Flood Funding for SE Minnesota
Senator Dan Sparks

*didn't
+ testify*

Advocates:

3. ~~4~~ - State Parks & Trails Council, Judy Erickson
7. Trust for Public Lands, Cordelia Pearson
6. Nature Conservancy, Allison Wolf
5. Minnesota Environmental Partnership, Gary Botzek

Welcome to
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