

MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division

Chair: Sen. Dallas Sams

12:00 p.m. Room 107 Capitol

Tuesday March 15, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson
Bachman
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Dibble
Dille
Frederickson
Jungbauer
Kubly
Metzen
Pariseau
Rosen
Sams
Vickerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Senator Vickerman presented SF405, Minnesota River basin projects floodplain management grant appropriation. Kerry Newtzke, Coordinator of Area 11 Minnesota River Basins Projects testified in support of the bill and responded to members questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst gave a presentation of the Governor's budget for the Metropolitan Council Regional Parks.

John Edman, Director of Explore Minnesota gave a presentation of the Governor's budget.

Gary Novak, President of the Board of Electricity and John Schultz, Executive Director, Board of Electricity gave testimony against the Governor's proposed budget for the board. Bill Heaney, IBEW and Bill Strusinski, Capitol Hill Associates also testified against the Governor's budget and responded to members questions.

Jim O'Brien Board Chair of the Architecture/Engineering Board and Doreen Frost, Administrator of the Board presented the Governor's budget and responded to members questions.

Senator Vickerman presented SF958, Vinland Center Rehabilitation Services grant appropriation. Jerry Sec, President of the Board of Directors, Carol Jackson, Executive Director of Vinland, John Williams Board, Minneapolis Building Trades Council and board member, and Harold Stafford, graduate of Vinland Employment Program all testified in support of the bill and responded to members questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Kubly presented Senator Sams SF691, Central Lakes & Ridgewater Colleges farm families mental health counseling programs. Jim Molenaar, Ridgewater College and Jim Wink, farmer, testified in support of the bill and responded to members questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Moua presented SF460 St. Paul immigrant organizations facilities renovation grants appropriation. Senator Anderson moved the A1 amendment. The Amendment was adopted. Lavon Lee, Executive Director, American Indian Family Center, Fue Heu, Executive Director, Hmong American Partnership, Jesse Bethke Gmez, President

Chicanos Latinos Unidos en Servicio all testified in support of the bill and responded to members questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Environment, Agriculture & Economic Development Budget Division
Senator Dallas Sams, Chair
Tuesday, March 15, 2005- Noon
Room 107 State Capitol

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **S.F. 405 (Vickerman): Minnesota River basin projects floodplain management grant appropriation**
 - A. **Author's Presentation**
 1. **Testimony**
 - a) **Kerry Netzke, Coordinator, Area II MN River Basins Projects**
- III. **Governor's budget overview: Metropolitan Council Regional Park**
 - A. **Presentation**
 1. **Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst**
- IV. **Governor's budget overview: Explore Minnesota**
 - A. **Presentation**
 1. **John Edman, Director**
- V. **Governor's budget overview: Electricity Board**
 - A. **Presentation**
 1. **John Schultz, Executive Secretary**
 2. **Gary Novak, President**
 - B. **Testimony**
 1. **Bill Heaney, IBEW MN State Council**
- VI. **Governor's budget overview: Architecture/Engineering Board**
 - A. **Presentation**
 1. **Jim O'Brien, F.A.I.A., Board Chair**
 2. **Doreen Frost, Administrator**
- VII. **S.F. 691 (Sams): Central Lakes & Ridgewater Colleges farm families mental health counseling programs**
 - A. **Author's Presentation**
 1. **Testimony**
 - a) **Jim Molenarr, Ridgewater College**
- VIII. **S.F. 958 (Vickerman): Vinland Center Rehabilitation Services grant appropriation**

1. Testimony

- a) Jerry Seck, President, Board of Directors**
- b) Carol Jackson, Executive Director of Vinland**
- c) Ray Waldron, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO**
- d) Dick Anfang, President, Minnesota Building Trades Council**

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