

MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division/House
Environment and Agriculture Finance Committee

Chair: Sen. Dallas Sams Chair: Rep. Dennis Ozment
9:00 a.m. Basement Hearing Room
Thursday, February 3, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson
Bachman
Dibble
Dille
Jungbauer
Kubly
Metzen
Pariseau
Rosen
Sams
Vickerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bachmann
Bakk
Cohen

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Rep. Cornish and Senator Rosen presented HFXXX /SFXXX a capital bonding request for the Rapidan Dam.

Rep. Tingelstad and Senator Chaudhary presented HF2171/SF1936 a capital bonding request for the Springbrook Nature Center. Scott Lund, Mayor of Fridley; Anamica Beddi, Junior Fridley High School and Springbrook Nature Center volunteer; Sigh St. Clair, Springbrook Nature Center testified on behalf of the request and responded to members questions.

Nelson French, David Benke and Jeff Lewis of the PCA presented the Governor's capital bonding request for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Rep. Erhardt and Senator Higgins presented HF1564/SF1161 a capital bonding request for diseased shade tree removal and replacement. A delete all amendment was presented. John Olson, President Minneapolis Park Board; Mark Stenis, tree pathologist testified on behalf of the capital request.

Rep. Hausman and Senator Anderson presented HF2518/SF2304 a capital bonding request for Como Zoo. Liz Anderson, Manager Como Zoo and Conservatory; Victor Camp, zookeeper; Craig Rafferty, lead architect testified on behalf of the request.

Ron Harnack, Director Board of Sewer and Water Resources presented the Governor's capital bonding request.

Rep. Juhnke presented HFXXX/SFXXX (Johnson, Dean) a capital bonding request for Grass Lake Restoration. Ron Harnack testified on behalf of the request.

Sen. Metzen presented SF335/HF253 (Hansen) a capital bonding request for the South St. Paul landfill reclamation and parkland conversion funding.

Wendy Haavisto, legislative assistant for Sen. Dennis Frederickson presented SF352/HF311 Frederickson/Seifert a capital bonding request for the Lake Redwood Reservoir. James Doering, Executive Director Redwood River and County Commissioner Gene Short testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Dille presented SFXXX a capital bonding request for the Luce Line Trail. John Hassinger, 3 Rivers Pave the Way Coalition; Chad Czmouski, Hutchinson; Mark Vaillancourt, Pres. Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Dibble and Rep. Kelliher presented SF479/HF448 a capital bonding request for the Lake of the Isles Flood Mitigation. Tim Brown, Minneapolis Park Board testified on behalf of the bill.

Arne Stefferud, Met Council presented the Governor's capital budget recommendations for the metro parks.

Representative Haws presented HFXXX a capital bonding request for Central Minnesota Parks and Trails. Senator Wergin and Chuck Wolkin, Stearns County Park Director testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Wergin presented SFXXX /HFXXX(Erickson) a capital bonding request for the Soo Line Trail Recreational Bridge. Judy Cain, Tourism Director for the City of Mille Lac and John Wolfert testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Dille presented SF XXX/HFXXX(Urdahl) a capitol bonding request for state park land acquisition. Dorian Grilley, Executive Director Parks & Trails Council testified on behalf of the bill.

Representative Wardlow presented HF557/SF1022 (McGinn) a capitol bonding request for Lebanon Hills Regional Park flood mitigation.

Senator Metzen presented SFXXX a capital bonding request for Pilot Knob. John Huber, Mayor of Mendota Heights and Cordelia Pierson, Trust for Public Land testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Pariseau presented SF2333/HF2557 (Cybart) a capital bonding request for Dakota County Empire Wetlands Wildlife area. County Commissioner Joe Harris, Dakota County and Steve Sullivan, Park Director, Dakota County testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Pariseau presented SF2337/HF2562 Rep. Ozment a capital bonding request for the Byllesby Dam.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**House Ag, Environment and Natural Resources Finance and
Senate, Environment, Ag and Economic Development Budget
Division**

Chairs: Rep. Dennis Ozment, Sen. Dallas Sams

JOINT MEETING: February 3, 2006
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Basement Hrg. Room – State Office Building

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Governor's Recommendations:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (continued from Feb. 2 meeting)

Water and Soil Resources Board (continued from Feb. 2 meeting)

Metropolitan Council – Metro Parks

Additional bills:

HFXXX/SFXXX (Cornish/Rosen) Rapidan Dam
HF2171 (Tingelstad); HF2206 (Bernardy); HF2239 (Samuelson); HF2260/SF1936
(Goodwin/Chaudhary) Springbrook Nature Center
HF2611/SF2358 (Abeler/Jungbauer) Mississippi West Regional Park
HF2518/SF2304 (Hausman/Anderson) Como Zoo
HFXXX/SFXXX (Urdahl/Dille) State Park Land Acquisition
SFXXX (Dille) Luce Line Trail
SFXXX (Wergen) HFXXX (Erickson) Soo Line Trail Recreational Bridge
HFXXX (Haws) Central Mn Parks and Trails
HF1564/SF1161 (Erhardt/Higgins) Diseased shade tree removal and replacement
HF311/SF352 (Seifert/Frederickson) Lake Redwood Reservoir
HFXXX/SFXXX (Juhnke/Johnson, Dean) Grass Lake Restoration
HF557/SF1022 (Wardlow/McGinn) Lebanon Hills Regional Park flood mitigation
HF2557/SF2333 (Cybart/Pariseau) Dakota County Empire Wetlands Wildlife Area
HF2562/SF2337 (Ozment/Pariseau) Byllesby Dam safety improvements
HF253/SF335 (Metzen/Hansen) South St. Paul landfill reclamation and parkland
conversion funding
HFXXX (Metzen) Pilot Knob, Mendota Heights
HF448/SF479 (Kelliher/Dibble) Lake of the Isle Flood Mitigation

Public Testimony will follow bill presentations as time allows.