

MINUTES

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

Chair: Sen. Dallas Sams

Chair: Rep. Bob Gunther

9:00 a.m. Basement Hearing Room

Tuesday, February 22, 2006

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Senator Berglin and Rep. Clark presented SF770/HF743 a capital bonding request for a Minneapolis East Phillips neighborhood cultural and community center. Karri Plowman, Exec. Dir. Indian Affairs Council; Bill Carter, City of Minneapolis; Dr. Lee Antl, President, OIC; Judd Rietkerk, Director of Park Planning, City of Minneapolis; Mary Merrill Anderson, Park Commissioner, City of Minneapolis; Gary Shiff, Minneapolis City Council member; Sherzod Kordian, resident of East Phillips; Alfonso Cruz, resident of East Phillips; Shirley Heya, Midtown Phillips neighborhood Assoc; Carol Pass, President of East Phillips Improvement Coalition; Brad Pass, Board member EPIC all testified in support of the bonding request. The bill was laid over for possible recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

Rep. Pelowski presented HF281/SFXXX a bonding request for the Great River Shakespeare Festival in the city of Winona. Eric Sorenson, City Administrator, City of Winona and Mark Hauch, Director, Great River Shakespeare Festival testified in support of the bonding request. The bill was laid over for possible recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

Senator Ranum and Rep. Theissen presented HF2640 and HF2641 SF2371 SF2372 a bonding request for the City of Richfield for athletic field replacements and arterial street construction. Jim Topitzhofer, Director of Recreation, City of Richfield and Steve Deutch, City Manager, City of Richfield testified in support of the bonding request. The bill was laid over for possible recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

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Senator Vickerman presented SF2417 a bonding request for the City of Windom for an extension of the wastewater line. Dennis Nelson, former city administrator, City of Windom; Dennis Johnson, engineer, City of Windom and Mary Hensen, EDA Administrative Assistant, City of Windom testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

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