



Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee

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1. Call to Order
2. Presentation from Minnesota State FFA Officers
 - Wyatt Halvorson, State Vice-President - Thief River Falls FFA
 - Nicole Koziolk, State Secretary - Randolph FFA
 - Anna Ridenour, State Reporter - Triton FFA
3. [S.F. 3585](#) (Mathews) Data protection about individuals connected to farming or agriculture who seek mental or behavioral health assistance or who contact the Minnesota Farm and Rural helpline
 - Chris McNulty, Deputy General Counsel - Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
 - Meg Moynihan, Strategy and Innovation Senior Advisor - MDA
4. [S.F. 3476](#) (Johnson) Financial assistance program to extend broadband service to unserved areas establishment; process to allow existing easements to be used for broadband service establishment
 - Anna Boroff, Executive Director – Minnesota Cable Communications Association (MCCA)
 - Tony Mendoza, Outside Counsel – MCCA
 - John Apitz, Executive Director – Minnesota Regional Railroads Association (MRRA)
 - Sarah Erickson - MRRA

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Monday, Wednesday
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

5. [S. F. 3479](#) (Westrom) Rural Finance Authority revolving loan account for drought relief appropriation

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner – Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Matt McDevitt, Finance & Budget, Ag Finance Supervisor - MDA
- Paul Hugunin, Ag Marketing & Development Division Director - MDA
- Ashley Bress, Ag Marketing & Development Division, Grants Team Supervisor – MDA
- Dan Glessing, President – Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Miles Kuschel, Cass County Rancher and Board Member – Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Carol Anderson, Executive Committee Chair – Minnesota Farmers Union
- Edward Uhlenkamp, Farm Business Management Instructor – Central Lakes College
- Liz Dwyer - Dancing the Land Farm & Land Stewardship Project
- Bruce Kleven – Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association

6. Adjournment