



# Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee

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1. Call to Order
2. [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
3. [S.F. 3711](#) (Dahms) University of Minnesota Forever Green Agriculture Initiative appropriation.
  - Dr. Don Wyse, University of Minnesota Forever Green Initiative
  - Dr. Steven Rosenzweig, Senior Agricultural Scientist – General Mills
  - Dominic Jones, Mayor – City of Windom
4. [S.F. 3271](#) (Westrom) Certain agricultural organizations grant.
  - Anne Schwagerl, Farmer – Minnesota Farmers Union
  - Mac Ehrhardt, President – Albert Lea Seed Co.
  - John Strohfus, Founder & CEO – Field Theory
  - Lauren Alexa Perez, Chief of Staff - PURIS
5. Adjournment

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1150 Minnesota Senate Building  
Monday, Wednesday  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM