



Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee

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Chair: Senator Torrey Westrom

March 30th, 2022

1. Call to order

2. S.F. 4019 (Westrom) Agriculture provisions modifications and appropriations.

Vice Chair

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- Thom Petersen, Commissioner – Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) (in-person)
- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (in-person)
- Dr. Beth Thompson, State Veterinarian – Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) (via Zoom)
- Tim Spreck, Lobbyist – Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (in-person)
- Reese Frederickson, Pine County Citizen & Board Member of the Wild Cat Sanctuary (via Zoom)
- Emily McCormack, Animal Curator/Intern Coordinator – Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Arkansas (via Zoom)
- Keith Streff, Supervising Humane Agent – Animal Humane Society (AHS) (via Zoom)
- Charlie Sammut – President of Monterey Zoo & Chairman of the Zoological Association of America (ZAA) Legislative Committee (via Zoom)
- Joan Hemker, Owner - Hemker Park & Zoo (via Zoom)
- Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director – Minnesota Farmers Union (in-person)
- Amanda Koehler, Policy Manager – Land Stewardship Project (via Zoom)
- David Van Eeckhout, Farm Program Director – The Good Acre (via Zoom)
- David Larson, Government Affairs Director – Minnesota Cooperative Network (in-person)
- Patrick Murray, Executive Director – Minnesota Crop Production Retailers (in-person)
- Amber Hanson Glaeser, Director of Public Policy – Minnesota Farm Bureau (via Zoom)
- Laura Lemke, Executive Director – Minnesota Grain & Feed Association (via Zoom)
- Brent Christensen, President & CEO – Minnesota Telecom Alliance (via Zoom)
- Nathan Zacharias, Lobbyist – Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition

3. Adjournment

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Monday, Wednesday

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM