

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy Committee
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
3:00 PMLivestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Torrey N. Westrom - Chair, Senator Gary H. Dahms - Vice Chair, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Gene Dorrink, Senator Kent Eken, Senator Nick A. Frentz, Senator Michael P. Goggin, Senator Erin P. Murphy

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Torrey N. Westrom called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

Call to order

S.F. 4019: Senator Westrom: Agriculture provisions modifications and appropriations.

- 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)
- CAROLYN OLSON –VP, 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
- Andrea Vaubel, deputy commissioner at MDA
- Daryn McBeth - MN Farm Credit

Senator Westrom moved that S.F. 4019, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

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Senator Torrey N. Westrom, Chair

Ben Abrahamson, Legislative Assistant

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