



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. SF 2200 (Port) WomenVenture appropriation to establish a business expansion program for women food entrepreneurs
  - LeeAnn Rasachak, CEO, WomenVenture
  - Vanessa Drews, Founder & Owner, Cheesecake Funk
3. SF 2087 (Murphy) Center for Rural Policy and Development grants appropriation
  - Julie Tesch, President & CEO, Center for Rural Policy and Development
4. SF 1712 (Johnson) Minnesota Turf Seed Council grant appropriation
  - Marvin Zutz, Executive Director, Minnesota Turf Seed Council
  - Bruce Kleven, Lobbyist, Minnesota Turf Seed Council
5. SF 878 (Green) Wolf and elk depredation payments appropriation
  - Cody Schmalz, Kittson County Rancher
  - Miles Kuschel, Cass County Rancher
6. SF 2154 (Kupec) Program establishment to provide grants to prevent wolf-livestock conflict
  - Mary Falk, Owner/Operator, LoveTree Farmstead
  - Stu Lourey, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Farmers Union

7. SF 2311 (Kupec) Deer abatement and crop damage report appropriation

- Cory Bennett, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

8. Adjournment