



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
3:00 p.m.

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
3. SF 2556 (Kunesh) Technical assistance grants appropriation to certain community development financial institutions
  - Aaron Blyth, Agricultural Program Manager, Latino Economic Development Center
4. SF 1114 (Kunesh) Funding increase for the agriculture research, education, extension and technology transfer grant program and Farm Business Management challenge grants
  - Keith Olander, Executive Director, Minnesota State Northern Agricultural Center of Excellence
  - Zach Rada, Farm Business Management Instructor
  - Anne Schwagerl, Prairie Point Farms
  - Rod Skoe, Farmer
5. SF 2763 (Putnam) Grants appropriation to Minnesota dairy farmers
  - Lucas Sjostrom, Dairy Farmer; Executive Director, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
  - Eunie Biel, Biel Family Dairy
6. SF 2779 (Kupec) Second Harvest Heartland grant appropriation
  - Sarah Moberg, Chief Operations Officer, Second Harvest Heartland
  - Jessica Francis, Open Cupboard

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7. SF 2604 (Kupec) Farming incubator project appropriations

- Jovita Francisco Morales
- Karen Clark, Women's Environmental Institute
- Farhio Khalif
- Oredola Taylor

8. Adjournment