

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator Aric Putnam - Chair, Senator Robert J. Kupec Vice Chair, Senator Torrey N. Westrom, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Judy Seeberger

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

Call to Order

Confirmation Hearing for Board of Animal Health Members Erica Sawatzke, Dr. Peggy Anne Hawkins, Dr. Jessica Koppien-Fox, Alex Stade, Steve Neil, Brandon Schafer, Dr. Abigail Maynard.

The following Board of Animal Health appointees testified about their experience and qualifications :

- Erica Sawatzke, Board President, Poultry Producer
- Dr. Peggy Anne Hawkins, DVM; Board Vice President, Veterinarian
- Dr. Jessica Koppien-Fox, DVM; Veterinarian
- Alex Stade, Cattle Producer
- Steve Neil, Livestock Producer
- Brandon Schafer, Livestock Producer
- Dr. Abigail Maynard, DVM; Veterinarian

The following testifier spoke to a question on Avian Influenza infecting dairy cows:

Dr. Brian Hoefs, Director, Board of Animal Health

Senator Dahms moved that all candidates be confirmed as a slate.
Motion Prevailed on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm

Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

Nick Roth, Legislative Assistant