

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Gavel changed at 3:51pm to Senator Kupec. Gavel changed at 3:53pm to Senator Putnam.

Call to Order

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Program Updates

Testifiers: Thom Petersen – MDA Commissioner, Andrea Vaubel – MDA Deputy Commissioner, Joshua Stamper – Director of Pesticide and Fertilizer management, Kathryn Simon – Director of Food and Feed Safety

Board of Animal Health update on H5N1 & Emerging Threats

Testifiers: Dr. Brian Hoefs – State Veterinarian

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm



Senator Aric Putnam, Chair



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant