

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Monday, February 17, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Aric Putnam - **Chair**, Senator Robert J. Kupec - **Vice Chair**, Senator Torrey N. Westrom - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesh

Absent: Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Judy Seeberger

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:07pm

Call to Order

Presentation from Minnesota Department of Agriculture on Federal Interactions with State Programs

Testifiers: Thom Petersen – Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Michelle Medina – Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Tom Smude – Midwest Processors, Brady Barnstable – Seven Sundays, Hannah Bernhardt – Medicine Creek Farm

Presentation from Second Harvest Heartland on Federal Interactions with state Hunger Relief programs

Testifiers: Virginia Witherspoon – Executive Director, Channel One Regional Foodbank, Zach Rodvold – Second Harvest Heartland

Presentation from The Food Group on Federal Interactions with state Food programs

Testifiers: Sophia Lenarz-Coy – Executive Director, The Food Group

Update from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on status of Federal CPRG Funds

Testifiers: Tom Johnson – Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4.58pm



Senator Aric Putnam, Chair



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant