



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

3:00 pm | Room 1150

Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. Minnesota Department of Agriculture Update on Nitrates in Southeast MN Water
 - Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
 - Margaret Wagner, Fertilizer Non-Point Section Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
3. SF 882 (Gustafson) Soil health financial assistance program appropriation
 - Dana Allen-Tully, Chair, Minnesota Corn Growers Association Board **(Zoom)**
 - Carolyn Olson, Vice President, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation **(Zoom)**
 - Pete Schwagerl, Prairie Point Farm, Minnesota Farmers Union **(Zoom)**
 - Rhyan Schicker, District Manager, Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District **(Zoom)**
4. SF 1840 (Kupec) Grant program appropriation to promote certain nutrient management practices
 - Lee Helgen, Executive Director, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
5. SF 1575 (Kupec) Biofertilizer water preservation program establishment and appropriation
 - Cameron Henning, Commercial Agronomist, Pivot Bio
6. SF 303 (Lang) Minnesota-made fertilizer grant program establishment and appropriation
 - Randy Tersteeg, Beaver Creek Transport & Trojan Nutrients, LLC
7. Adjournment

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