

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Sexton assumed the gavel at 1:00 PM.

Representative Sexton, a member of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on April 3, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Co-Chair
ACOMB, Patty, Co-Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Co-Vice Chair
KRAFT, Larry, Co-Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
JONES, Katie
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike
TABKE, Brad

Representative Igo moved the minutes of April 1, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1366 (Heintzeman) - Brainerd; energy efficiency projects funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Sexton moved HF1366 before the committee.

Representative Sexton moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Trent Hawkinson, BPU Operations Manager
Chris Evans, BPU Utilities Director

Representative Sexton laid over HF1366 as amended.

Representative Wiener assumed the gavel at 1:18 PM.

HF 2803 (Hudson) - Certain energy generating facilities required to be certified as child labor free, and certain products required to be certified as child labor free.

Representative Wiener moved HF2803 before the committee.

Representative Wiener moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Wiener laid over HF2803, as amended.

Representative Mekeland assumed the gavel at 1:49 PM.

HF 1859 (Burkel) - Wind energy conversion systems residential setbacks established.

Representative Mekeland moved HF1859 before the committee.

Representative Mekeland moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Paul Dziengel, Farmer living in the wind turbine zone

Nathan Dull, Minnesota Land & Liberty Coalition

Carol Overland, Attorney from Red Wing clients regarding noise reduction turbine

Jacob Bakke, Lives in a wind turbine project zone in Kennedy, MN

Representative Mekeland laid over HF1859, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair

Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant