

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Steve Wenzel, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, called the thirtieth meeting to order at 8:11 P.M., on Monday, November 16, 1987 at Sands Restaurant in Albany, Minnesota

The clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

Wenzel, Chairman	Omann
Bauerly	Quist
Bertram	Sparby
Cooper	Steensma
Dauner	
DeBlicek	Uphus
Krueger	Waltman
McDonald	Winter

Rep. Wenzel introduced the staff, each legislator introduced himself and counties he represents. Bonnie McCarvel, aide to Senator Durenberger, was introduced.

Dick Aleshire, President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce welcomed the committee to Albany.

Senator Joe Bertram spoke on family farming and its need for assistance.

Jim Nichols, Commissioner of Minnesota Agriculture, spoke in favor of the Milk Stabilization Board, raising milk prices \$.01 a quart.

Question and answer period followed.

Rep. Wenzel turned the chair over to Rep. Jeff Bertram who introduced local speakers.

Roger Voit, V.P. of the Stearns County National Bank of Albany, spoke on his opinion of the farm situation; better management needed, interest needs changing, cannot wait for state and federal programs.

Melvin Kunstleben, Paynesville dairy farmer said that what is needed is an effective standby two tier price program.

Jerry Frericks, Sauk Centre Creamery, spoke in favor of federal milk marketing.

Paul Christ, V.P. of Dairy Planning and Dairy Operations; Land O'Lakes, Inc. basically supports Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

Michael Kiegley; favors Federal Milk Marketing Order.

Meeting opened to questions and comments from farmers.

Chester Kolstad and Bob Gee, the MN Milk Producers Association, explained the Milk Stabilization Board Bill.

Question and answer period followed.

David Michael, Stearns County MN Farm Bureau, Freeport; spoke against the Milk Price Stabilization Board.

Meeting opened to questions and comments from farmers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 P.M.

  
Mary Ann Goschy, clerk

  
Steve Wenzel, Chairman