COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: February 07, 2007 **Place:** Ola Babcock Miller Building - Room 300

Convened: 2/7/2007 10:25 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/7/2007 10:45 AM

Present: Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Gaskill-RM, Black, Houser
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson, D., Rasmussen

Absent: None

Excused: None

Representativ Kuhn calld the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken and the minutes were approved.

Liz Christiansen, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Deputy Director, discussed the programs funded in the Environemnt First Fund that include:

* $275,000 for air quality monitoring of livestock and ambient air.
* $195,000 for the collection of geographic information system data.
*$3.0 million for water quality monitoring.
* $100,000 for the Volunteer Keepers of the Land Program.
* $500,000 for the Water Protection Fund.
* $975,000 for the Lake Restoration Program.
* $11.0 million for the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP) Fund.
* $2.0 million for State Park operations and maintenance.
* $2.5 million for projects funded by the Marine Fuel Tax. This will njo longer be included as part of the Environemnt First Fund.

Subcommitte questions were answered by the speakers.

Representative Bell moved the Committee arise.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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Melissa Burmester, Committee Secretary