

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 30, 2014*

Location: *RM 102*

Convened: *10:15 AM*

Adjourned: *11:30 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators McCoy-CH, Beall-VC, Kapucian-RM, Anderson, B., Representatives Huseman-CH, Maxwell-VC, Cohoon-RM, Alons, Dunkel, Landon, Moore, Wolfe

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Bowman, Representative Lykam

Representative Dan Huseman, Co-chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes of the January 29, 2014, meeting were approved.

Chuck Gipp, Director, Department of Natural Resources, introduced Todd Coffelt, Bureau Chief, State Parks Infrastructure.

Mike McGree and George Antoniou, Lakes Program Coordinators, Lakes Restoration Program, provided a presentation on Iowa Lake Restoration Projects, nine projects are completed, 24 in progress and 17 in the planning stages. They reviewed a few of the major projects funded with recent appropriations, their 10-year program, and the proposed FY 2015 budget.

Todd Coffelt spoke about the State Park Infrastructure including how the needs have changed over the years. There are 71 Parks and Recreation Areas in Iowa covering 56,193 acres. Forty three State Parks benefitted from the annual \$5 million RIIF appropriation.

Joe Gunderson, Board Member of the Iowa Parks Foundation, reviewed the purpose of the Foundation including raising private money to match some government funds for improvements to the State parks.

Jerry Schnepf, Blood Run Working Group, shared with the Committee the plans to build a partnership with South Dakota for a joint State Park (Good Earth State Park). If this park becomes a reality, it will be the first joint state park in the United States.

Members received a copy of the proposed bill that makes and limits appropriations for FY 2014-2015 from the road use tax fund and the primary road fund to the Department of Transportation.

There being no business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Representative Daniel A. Huseman

Charlotte Mosher, Committee Secretary