

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

Date: *January 22, 2015*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *10:05 AM*

Adjourned: *11:05 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators McCoy-CH, Bowman-VC, Kapucian-RM, Petersen; Representatives Huseman-CH, Kooiker-VC, Cohoon-RM, Dawson, Dunkel, Lykam, Maxwell, Moore, Stanerson

Absent:

Excused: Senator Anderson

Chairman Huseman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

As there were no corrections, amendments and/or deletions to the January 20, 2015, meeting minutes, upon motion by Representative Cohoon, seconded by Senator McCoy, they were unanimously approved.

Mary Cownie, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), presented a review of the activities and goals for the Department and the Agencies and Departments within the DCA.

With the opportunity to renovate the State Historical Building of Iowa, the DCA undertook a statewide public input process. In July 2014, the DCA convened community conversations to listen for different ways the DCA can serve Iowans and how it might be shared in a revitalized State Historical Building of Iowa. Included in the goals of DCA statewide conversations are to identify a long-term vision for the Iowa DCA; identify Iowans' top priorities for arts, history and culture across the state and to develop a vision for the State Historical Building.

Topics she shared included engaging Iowans – to ensure every Iowan who wanted to could attend, the DCA and planning team selected locations that were within 30 minutes of every Iowa citizen. This process reached over 1,500 individuals soliciting public input. She also defined Iowa's art, history and cultural needs and the key findings.

Committee members asked a variety of questions regarding this project including the challenges on how to physically move items in the Historical Building during the renovation scheduled to begin July 2015. Other questions regarding funding, both private and state were asked. Representative Huseman requested that Ms. Cownie provide more information on the funding to this Committee.

George Antoniou, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lakes Restoration Program Coordinator, presented an update on Lake Restoration Projects. He discussed the Lake Restoration Program Budget funding from FY 2007 through FY 2015 of \$70.6 million. This has enabled the DNR to improve many of Iowa's lakes and proceed with implementing projects at a

number of other priority systems. He reviewed some Key Concepts and Facts; the Current Prioritization and Program; and Water Quality Goals. Mr. Antoniou also reviewed the DNR Lake Restoration Program Planning Budget for FY 2015 through FY 2024. He discussed the progress made on the Lake Darling (Mahaska County) and Lake Easter (City of Des Moines) projects.

A question was asked regarding the ease of acquiring the necessary property for Lake Easter and Mr. Antoniou responded it was a cooperative project between the City of Des Moines, Polk County Conservation Board, and other entities.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Senator Petersen moved to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Representative Daniel A. Huseman

Charlotte Mosher, Committee Secretary