

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

Date: *February 11, 2016*

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

Convened: *10:50 AM*

Adjourned: *11:35 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senator McCoy-CH; Representatives Huseman-CH, Kooiker-VC, Cohoon-RM, Dawson, Dunkel, Lykam, Maxwell, Stanerson

Absent:

Excused: Senators Bowman-VC, Kapucian-RM, Anderson, Petersen; Representative Highfill

Chairman Huseman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

The roll was taken and a quorum was not present so no voting actions were taken.

A presentation was given by Todd Coffelt, State Parks Bureau Chief. More than 14.5 million people visited state parks in 2015. He explained the Capital Assets of the parks and reviewed the activities of some of the parks, the services offered, and the Camping Guest Days of the top 10 Parks used. He explained the online reservation system, and the Friends Groups. Mr. Coffelt explained how the \$5 million Annual Appropriation Investment between 2011 and 2016 was used to improve various camp grounds. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of State Parks will be observed in 2020 with some challenges to prepare for this event.e HeHhhh

Steven Muller, CEO and Dr. Scott Atwood, Regional Director, The Homestead, an innovative solution for people with autism, reviewed the purpose of The Homestead, their mission for the individuals with autism, and their plan. They currently have a farm with six homes, each serving four adults. They have 50 employees caring for these individuals. Mr. Muller and Dr. Atwood were requesting that the State of Iowa invest \$485,000 in RIIF funds to help ensure that The Homestead's homes are prepared to support individuals with autism for the next 20 years.

No Committee meetings are scheduled for next week.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Senator McCoy moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

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Representative Daniel A. Huseman

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Charlotte Mosher, Committee Secretary