

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 25, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:10 AM*

Adjourned: *11:00 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Shipley-CH, Brown-VC, Hart-RM, Kinney,
Rozenboom; Representatives Mommsen-CH, Zumbach-VC, Ourth-RM, Bacon,
Hein, Isenhardt, Paustian, Prichard, Steckman

Absent:

Excused:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order by Senator Shipley in room 305. Roll was taken silently with all legislators present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Senator Shipley introduced the speaker, Chuck Gipp, Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Gipp introduced the department's CFO, Jennifer Nelson.

Mr. Gipp stated that the DNR is an agency with over 200 funding sources, and he strongly encouraged not to break the agency back up into the sections it had once been. He shared the mission of the department from the handout.

Also on the handout was information that Mr. Gipp shared pertaining to the different divisions, bureaus, and supervisors of the department. He discussed the department's fish and wildlife, outdoor recreation, and the opportunities that they provided for Iowans. In regards to the budget, Mr. Gipp shared information about the DNR state general fund allocations, general fund history, and expenditures by funding sources. He discussed 2016 successes in what the department had done in the past year. He discussed the FY 2018 budget, and recognized the challenge areas for FY 2018. Mr. Gipp concluded discussion and opened for questions or comments. Discussion followed with questions or comments from Representative Ourth, Representative Hein, Representative Isenhardt, Representative Prichard, and Representative Steckman.

Senator Shipley shared closing remarks, stating that it was remarkable what the department had done to make progress over the years.

With no further questions or comments, Senator Brown moved to arise.

Senator Tom Shipley

Cassie Bond, Committee Secretary