

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

Date: *February 7, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:05 AM*

Adjourned: *10:45 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 Representative Mommsen in room 305. Roll call was taken with all legislators present except for Representative Isenhardt who was excused until arrival. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Representative Mommsen introduced the speaker: Dr. John Lawrence, ISU Nutrient Research Center.

Dr. Lawrence discussed the goals and impacts of the Nutrient Research Center. Their main goal is to collaborate with other universities in Iowa on projects and research. About \$5.4 million was appropriated with all the money going directly into the projects. Over 40 projects were funded, which are listed on the handout and on the Nutrient Research Center website. Impacts include leverage over money at Iowa State, as the Center has received additional grants from federal funds as well as the EPA. The center received \$1.5 million for 2013-2014, and another \$1.3 million last year from the legislature. Dr. Lawrence explained that the Nutrient Research Center is requesting a 2% increase in the FY18 budget. The increase would allow for conservation research on soil, saturated buffers, trading credits etc. Dr. Lawrence then explained the progress of the 2015 Pilot Project which is in its second year.

Discussion followed by Representative Prichard, Senator Rozenboom, Representative Mommsen, Representative Steckman and Representative Isenhardt.

With no further questions, Representative Isenhardt moved to arise.

Representative Norlin Mommsen

Tori Pavillard, Committee Secretary