

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

Date: *February 8, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:15 AM*

Adjourned: *10:35 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused: Representative Zumbach-VC

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 except Representative Zumbach.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Senator Shipley introduced the guest speaker:

Claire Lindahl, Co-Chair Watershed Planning Advisory Council

Claire Lindahl shared that the WPAC was a diverse group of stakeholders from both rural and urban Iowa. The list of stakeholders was found on the handout. She shared that the Council had many areas of agreement, many of which focused on the bright spots of conservation in Iowa. She shared that WPAC members agreed that local stakeholders know what is best for their communities and districts. Ms. Lindahl stated that the local stakeholders needed help with funds, training, and guidance to measure progress and assess goals, among other things. She urged the committee to ensure the elements of agreement were supported as the committee made their decisions. She also expressed that committee members should know that she and other Council members are resources. She thanked the committee for the opportunity to speak, and for the work that they are doing in the committee.

Discussion followed by Representative Bacon, Representative Isenhart, Representative Paustian, Senator Shipley, and Representative Steckman.

With no further discussion, Senator Brown moved to arise.

Senator Tom Shipley

Cassie Bond, Committee Secretary