

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

Date: *February 21, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *10:30 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 Senator Brown, Representative Isenhardt and Representative Steckman who were all excused until arrival. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Representative Mommsen introduced the speaker: Ed Anderson, Iowa Soybeans Association
Anderson gave a report/update on the Iowa Soybeans Association. It is a longstanding and very successful association. The research program has been working for 16+ years to help farmers be more productive, profitable and environmentally cautious. The funding received from the legislation helps leverage more money to go towards research. The association has a goal of reaching every farmer in Iowa; currently have demonstrations and communications in every county. There is a focus on integration and collaboration with Iowa Pork, Iowa Corn and Iowa State University. A main issue in Iowa right now is water quality, 2017 projected projects plan to aid in water quality research and improvement. Pest resistant management and increasing livestock through manure fertilizer programs are also being focused on in projected projects. Discussion followed by Senator Kinney, Representative Isenhardt, Representative Steckman, Senator Hart and Senator Rozenboom. With no further questions, Representative Paustian moved to arise.

Representative Norlin Mommsen

Tori Pavillard, Committee Secretary