

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

Date: *February 21, 2019*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:05 AM*

Adjourned: *10:55 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Shipley-CH, Rozenboom-VC, Mathis-RM, Sweeney; Representatives Mommsen-CH, Osmundson-VC, Isenhardt-RM, Bacon, Bearinger, Jacobsen, Ourth, Paustian, Smith, R.

Absent:

Excused: Senator Kinney

Meeting called to order by Rep. Mommsen

Roll Call was taken

Minutes were approved

Sec. Mike Naig presented

Sen. Sweeny asked a question about programs related water quality projects on leased land

Sen. Mathis asked a question about the expansion of the markets for specialty crops

Rep. Bearinger asked a question about FFA chapter's involvement in watershed projects and the long term plan relating to water quality.

Sen. Rozenboom asked a question about the department's preparedness for an animal disease outbreak

Rep. Isenhardt asked a question about staffing within the department

Rep. Jacobsen asked a question about funding dedicated to continuing agricultural education among department employees

Rep Mommsen asked a question about decrease in the department's labor force and commodity groups' role in preventing foreign animal diseases preparedness

Sen. Shipley asked a question about the department's collaboration with FFA groups

Rep. Bacon moved to adjourn

Meeting was adjourned

Representative Norlin G. Mommsen

Megan Adam, Committee Secretary