

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 21, 2023*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *9:30 AM*

Adjourned: *10:45 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Dickey-VC, Dotzler-RM, Gruenhagen,
Quirmbach

Absent:

Excused:

Chair Senator Lofgren called the meeting to order at 9:32. The clerk took the role silently. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed. Senator Lofgren introduced the presenters for the meeting: Dr. Peter Dorhout, Vice President of Research at Iowa State University of Science and Technology, and Ambassador Terry Branstad, President of the World Food Prize Foundation and Former President of the World Food Prize Foundation, Ambassador Ken Quinn. Dr. Dorhout began his presentation using slides and handouts. He spoke about the partnership that students, staff and faculty at ISU have with industry across the state, and how there is a smooth transition in moving innovations out to industry. He spoke highly about the Chief Technology Officers who are the go-betweens to connect the school to the business world. Governor Branstad then spoke and gave accolades to ISU for the work they are doing. He then shared about the programs that the World Food Prize is involved with. Ambassador Quinn also spoke about the ways the World Food Prize has contributed to agriculture, hunger awareness and food security in our state and beyond. Senator Dotzler commented about the appropriateness of Chair Senator Lofgren scheduling both presentations on the same day. Senator Lofgren shared a comment about the importance of touring ISU to see it in person. Senator Doztler and Senator Quirmbach both shared comments. Ambassador Branstad and Ambassador Quinn left for another meeting, and Dr. Dorhout finished his presentation. With no further questions and no further business before the committee, Senator Dickey moved to adjourn at 10:44.

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary