

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

Date: *February 19, 2024* Location: *RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber*

Convened: *1:40 PM*

Adjourned: *2:05 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Hora-VC, Scheetz-RM, Baeth, Bagniewski, Kurth,
Wulf

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Mommsen-CH, Ingels, Latham

Representative Hora called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

Roll call was taken, and quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by general consent.

Dr. Patrick Halbur, Executive Director of the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, presented the updates about their renovation phases, budget, and improved lab operations and accessibility within the new facility, opening on April 4th, 2024.

Representatives Scheetz, Kurth, and Wulf asked questions.

Dr. Patrick Halbur responded to these questions, highlighted how the new lab can minimize livestock disease in Iowa, and updated the committee about the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council (ILHAC).

Representative Hora thanked Dr. Patrick Halbur for his presentation, stating her support and stressing the importance of the lab.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. with general consent.

Representative Heather Hora

Trey Voeller, Committee Secretary