

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

**Date:** January 24, 2008

**Place:** Room 305

**Convened:** 1/24/2008  
10:20 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 1/24/2008  
11:20 AM

**Present:** Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Gaskill-RM, Black  
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson,  
D., Rasmussen

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senator Houser

Representative Kuhn called the meeting to order.

attendance was taken and the January 23rd minutes were approved.

Deb Ryan discussed water and soil conservation and protection issues.

Rick Juchem, President of Conservation Districts of Iowa, discussed discussed the Butler County Soil and Water conservation district, water quality and concerns, funding, and activities of soil protection.

Duane Sand, Chair of the State Soil Conservation Committee, discussed funding from Federal Government, the national farm bill, and working with farmers and looking at the long term.

Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, discussed soil conservation budget needs, land usage and change in agriculture in economics.

The Project Director of Hungry Canyons Alliance Program Discussed soil and water conservation programs.

Representative Bailey moved the committee arise.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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Luke Kluesner, Committee Secretary