

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

**Date:** January 30, 2008

**Place:** Room 305

**Convened:** 1/30/2008  
10:45 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 1/30/2008  
11:45 AM

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

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Representative Bell

Representative Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken and the minutes were approved.

Rich Leopold, Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) discussed the program priorities for the Department. They included a State Water Plan, a State Air Plan, Natural Resource Interpretation and Environmental Education, Global Warming, overview of DNR facilities, Sustainable Funding for Natural Resources, Odor Mitigation, Iowa Hunting Access, Environmental Practices, and implementation of a public relations plan. Director Leopold answered questions after his presentation.

Kevin Szdronski, DNR, discussed the operations of State Parks.

John Pierson, State Preserves Board and Ken Herring, DNR assisted Kevin in answering questions related to the State Parks.

Senator Houser moved the Committee arise.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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Luke Kluesner, Committee Secretary