

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

**Date:** January 27, 2009

**Place:** Room 305

**Convened:** 1/27/2009  
10:15 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 1/27/2009  
11:15 AM

**Present:** Senators Seng-CH, Black-VC, Hahn-RM, Houser, Wilhelm  
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Marek-VC, De Boef-RM, Beard, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson,  
D., Sweeney

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

Rep. Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Clerk called attendance.

Motion by Sen. Wilhelm to approve minutes. Seconded by Rep. Beard.

Deb Kozell, Sr. Analyst with Fiscal Services Division of Legislative Services Agency gave a presentation entitled, "FY 2008 Revenue and Expenditure Overview." (See handout)

Rep. Kuhn invited comment on the presentation.

Sen. Black commented that the amount IDALS and DNR receive from the general fund is low for the premiere agricultural state in the U.S.

Rep. Kuhn reminded the committee that \$2 million has been added to the Environment First fund, bringing to \$42 million total funds to be appropriated from this subcommittee.

Sen. Hahn discussed the advantages of watershed management plans, including statewide mapping, over additional levy construction.

Sen. Black responded that any stormwater management plan must involve extensive land use planning.

Sen. Wilhelm and Rep. Olson emphasized the importance of working within the budget to find solutions.

Rep. Black advocated for better conservation practices at the county level.

Rep. Marek recommended appropriating funds specifically for soil conservation techniques.

Rep. Kuhn read the agenda for Thursday's meeting.

Rep. Beard moved the committee arise.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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John Bach, Committee Secretary