

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
REBUILD IOWA AND DISASTER RECOVERY**

Date: February 16, 2009

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/16/2009
2:00 PM

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Adjourned: 2/16/2009
3:00 PM

Present: Representatives Schueller-CH, Berry-VC, Grassley-RM, Burt, De Boef, Helland, Huser, Kaufmann, Kuhn, Olson, T., Pettengill, Sands, Sorenson, Taylor, D., Thomas

Absent: None

Excused: Representatives Jacoby, Taylor, T.

The February 16th meeting of the House Rebuild Iowa Committee met at 2:00 PM in Room 19. Roll was called and all were present, with the exceptions of Rep. Jacobi and Rep. T. Taylor, both of whom were excused by the Chairman.

Approval of last meetings minutes was made with a motion by Rep. Berry and a 'second' by Rep. D. Taylor with no opposition. There were no bills to be assigned at present, so Chairman Rep. Schueller presented Mr. Mike Tramontina giving an explanation of disaster funding sources, such as CDBG, FEMA, IDED, HUD and Block Grants. He explained the requirements as well as the at times, lengthy process in which they operate from application to actual disbursement of funds.

He distributed three handouts to further explain the process and which programs were federal or state funded. He also displayed two large graphs: One of Hurricane Rita's recovery period since 2005 and the other one of Iowa's 2008 disaster timeline and how Iowa is "doing as well as any state can" when it comes to filing-to-payment schedules.

In other business, Rep. Huser addressed the Chairman and stated she was absent from the last meeting because she was visiting with some students from her district.

Meeting was ended at 3:00 PM: with a motion by Rep.T. Olson making the motion and a second by Rep.R. Thomas

Representative Tom J. Schueller

Melodie Schueller, Committee Secretary