COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE

Date: February 18, 2009 **Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

Convened: 2/18/2009 1:00 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/18/2009 1:35 PM

Present: Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef, Dolecheck, Frevert, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Sweeney, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

Absent: None

Excused: Representatives Bailey, Struyk

Chair Mertz called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

As there were no corrections, amendments, and/or deletions to the February 16th meeting minutes, Chair Mertz approved the minutes as distributed.

The following bill was assigned to subcommittee:
HF 327 - Bailey, Chair; Mertz and Sweeney

Chair Mertz introduced Mark Rosenbury, Vice-Chair of the Watershed Improvement Review Board. Rosenbury then recognized Kevin Jacobsen, with Rural Water Association; Jim Gillespie, Department of Agriculture; and Jerry Neppel, Iowa Department of Agriculture.

Rosenbury informed the Committee that the Watershed Improvement Board and Fund were created in 2005 to award WIRB grants and to provide oversight to groups and organizations listed in Chapter 466A. He expressed the need to continue funding this program at the current level so that the work can continue.

Several committee members introduced their constituents who were in attendance.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Huseman moved to arise.

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Representative Dolores M. Mertz

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Donna Downey, Committee Secretary