

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

**Date:** February 25, 2009

**Place:** Room 19

**Convened:** 2/25/2009  
1:05 PM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/25/2009  
1:55 PM

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

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Representative Huser

Committee convened at 1:00 PM in Room 19. Roll call revealed all present, with the exceptions of Rep. M. Kuhn and Rep. G. Huser, both of whom were excused.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written with a motion by Rep. D. Taylor and a second by Rep. T. Taylor.

There were no bills to assign at this time, so Chairman Rep. T.Schueller introduced our speaker for the day, Mr. Jerry DeWitt, from the Leopold Center.

Mr. Leopold distributed a handout and explained the necessity for farming and natural habitats to have and maintain land terraces, grasses and timber, and overall, add more filtration from our landscapes by using nature itself, (perinnials, high organic matter soils), watersheds and to respect flood plain boundaries.

Mr. DeWitt entertained questions and concerns from committee members and we thanked him for his clear presentation on the importance of conservation practices.

At 1:45 P>M., The Democrats went into caucus and the meeting was dismissed at 2:00 PM with a motion by Rep. R. Thomas and a second by Rep. D.Berry.

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Representative Tom J. Schueller

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Melodie Schueller, Committee Secretary