## COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

**Date:** March 11, 2009 **Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

Convened: 3/11/2009 Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 3/11/2009

5:20 PM 6:15 PM

Present: Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Bailey, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef,

Dolecheck, Frevert, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Struyk,

Sweeney, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

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

Chair Mertz called for corrections, amendments, and/or deletions to the previous minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved.

HF 606 - Chair Mertz sought unanimous consent to consider HSB 606 in subcommittee as a whole. Hearing no opposition, the committee moved into a subcommittee as a whole.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative De Boef who presented HF 606. Following no discussion, Representative De Boef offered closing remarks. Voice vote passed HF 606 in subcommittee as a whole.

Chair Mertz asked for unanimous consent to dissolve the subcommittee as a whole and announced that they would return to committee as a whole.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative De Boef who moved HF 606 and a record roll call was taken. HF 606 passed unanimously, 21-0, and will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

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m HF}$  445 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reasoner for opening remarks on  ${
m HF}$  445. Representative Reasoner presented Amendment 302 to  ${
m HF}$  445. Voice vote passed Amendment 302.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reasoner for closing comments on HF 445 as amended. Following discussion, Representative Reasoner moved HF 445 as amended. A record roll call was taken and HF 445 as amended will now move to the floor as a committee bill, 21-0.

HF 574 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach who presented HF 574. Representative Zirkelbach introduced Amendment 502 to HF 574. Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for Amendment 502. Following discussion, Representative Zirkelbach was recognized for closing remarks on Amendment 502. Voice vote passed Amendment 502.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for closing remarks on HF 574 as amended. A record roll call was taken and HF 574 as amended will now move to the floor as a committee bill, 21-0.

Chair Mertz informed the committee that HF 653, an act providing for the payment of litigation expenses related to legal actions alleging that an agricultural operation is a nuisance, was read in on the floor. Chair Mertz said the bill was not being assigned as she felt it needed more research and study and it was being held off until next session.

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

Representative Dolores M. Mertz	
Donna Downey, Committee Secretary	