COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date:	January 27, 2010		Place:	Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm		
Convened:	1/27/2010 2:35 PM	Recessed:	Reconv	ened:	Adjourned:	1/27/2010 3:35 PM
Present:	Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Beard, Bukta, De Boef, Dolecheck, Frevert, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Sweeney					

Absent: None

Excused: Representatives Bailey, Bell, Struyk, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

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 January 25h meeting minutes, Chair Mertz approved the minutes as distributed.

Chair Mertz recognized Tim Palmer, President, Soil and Water Commissions of Iowa Legislature and Kelly Tobis a Soil and Water Commissioner, who discussed the organizationn's history, programs, and the negative impact the current budget is imposing. Palmer explained the importance of funding conservation programs at a level that can continue to improve and protect the soil and water quality in Iowa.

Chair Mertz then recognized Bob Mulqueen of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence who introduced Brendan Jordan, Program Manager Bioeconomy and Transportation Great Plains Institute, as the next speaker. Jordan presented information on low carbon fuel standards, modeled after California's, that are being considered in several states in the Midwest, jurisdictions outside the region, and federally as a potential policy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Representative Beard moved to arise.

Representative Dolores M. Mertz

Donna Downey, Committee Secretary