

COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: March 01, 2010 **Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm
Convened: 3/1/2010 3:30 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 3/1/2010 4:45 PM
Present: Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Bailey, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef, Dolecheck, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Shomshor, 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 2/10/10 and 2/24/10 minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Guest speakers...

1) Chair Mertz recognized Wayne Gieselman, Environmental Protection Division Administrator, with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources who presented the annual report on application of manure on frozen and snow-covered ground. This report is in compliance with the requirements in legislation passed in 2009 that limits the surface application of liquid manure from confinement feeding operations during the winter. Gieselman reviewed the report and responded to questions from committee members.

2) Chair Mertz then introduced Monte Shaw, Executive Director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and Randy Olson, Executive Director of the Iowa Biodiesel Board. Shaw and Olson responded to the Agriculture Committee's February 24th presentation made by representatives from Decker Truck Lines and the Iowa Motor Truck Association in regard to the 2 Million Mile Haul.

Handouts included facts and figures that indicated increasing the use of biodiesel will allow Iowa to displace foreign oil and contribute to energy security, will support the creation of thousands of permanent jobs, benefit Iowa's transportation and farming industries, and support rural economic development. Olson asked the committee members to support SF 464, an act relating to motor fuel by providing for a biodiesel quality standard for energy security and sustainability, ethanol blended gasoline and biodiesel blended fuel designations and tax credits, penalties, and effective dates.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Bailey moved to arise.

Representative Dolores M. Mertz

Donna Downey, Committee Secretary