

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 7, 2001 **Place:** Room 118

Convened: 9:40 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 10:40 AM

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink, Greiner
Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn,
May, Quirk, Schrader

Co-Chairman Thurman Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118, February 7, 2001, at 9:39 a.m.

The roll was called and all members were in attendance. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Senator Gaskill introduced Daryl Frey, Administrator of the Laboratory Division, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, to provide and update on the Remediation of Agrichemical Program. Mr. Frey introduced Julie Bell, Iowa Agrichemical Remediation Board Member, who assisted in the presentation. The described the organization of the Agrichemical Remediation Board, the agendas of the four meetings that have been held, and reviewed current and the projected expenses of the program. Mr. Frey predicted that overall expenses would range from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 a year over a 10 – 20 year period. Costs of cleaning each individual site is estimated from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The intent of the program is to oversee the clean up of sites that have served as loading and mixing pads for farm chemicals and fertilizers, including those now abandoned. This volunteer program is for those knowing of their contamination problem and allows them to request clean up help. The Board establishes rules and provides guidance for those individuals requesting reimbursement for cleanup, determines the responsible party to take charge, and prioritizes sites by assessing contamination problems before allocating funds for clean up. Mr. Frey indicated that the program components are in place, and it is ready to move ahead as soon as funding is available.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

Representative Hahn requested an update on Atrezene. Senator Sexton addressed the situation at the Lake Corydon Reservoir. Staff will provide further information at a later time.

There were questions voiced concerning the timeliness of beginning work on the budget. Discussion followed.

Senator Fink moved to arise and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Gerry Gaskill, Secretary