COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date:	February 01, 2007	**Place:**	Ola Babcock Miller Building - Room 300

Convened:	2/1/2007 9:55 AM	**Recessed:**	**Reconvened:**	**Adjourned:**	2/1/2007 10:45 AM

Present: Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Gaskill-RM, Houser
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson, D., Rasmussen

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Black

Representative Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken.

Rich Leopold, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director, discussed the priorities of the Department that included:
* Livestock monitoring and providing technical assistance to animal producers.
* Additional funding for State Park maintenance and educational programs.
* Overview of Iowa's Special Areas that included the purchase of land on the shorline of Spirit Lake.
* Additional funding for air monitoring at animal confinement facilities.
* Updating the State Water Plan that has not been updated since 1985.
* Overview of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), which is technology that scans the earth with lasers from an aircraft to obtain elevation infomation.

Subcommittee questions were answered by the speakers.

Minutes of the January 31 meeting were approved.

Rep DeBoef moved the Committee arise.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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Melissa Burmester, Committee Secretary