COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date:	February 06, 2007	**Place:**	Ola Babcock Miller Building - Room 300

Convened:	2/6/2007 9:55 AM	**Recessed:**	**Reconvened:**	**Adjourned:**	2/6/2007 11:00 AM

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

Sen. Seng called the meeting to order.

Roll was taken. All committee members were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Sen. Seng introduced Kenneth Tow, Director, Division of Soil Conservation, Iowa Department of Agriculture. Mr. Tow gave a brief summary of the Hungry Canyons Background, Loess Hills Group, Southern Iowa Conservation Authority, and REAP.

Mr. Tow then introduced Jim Gillespie, Chief, Field Services Bureau.

Mr. Gillespie gave a presentation, including background histories, funding requests, funds leveraging, and functions of the Iowa Conservation Cost Share Program, Watershed Protection Fund, and District Initiatives Program. Questions were fielded for each program by Mr. Gillespie.

Dean Lemke, Chief, Water Resources Bureau gave a similar presentation, covering the histories, funding requests, fund leveraging, and functions of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Agricultural Drainage Well Closure Assistance Fund, Integrated Farm and Livestock Management (IFLM), and Iowa Learning Fund. Questions were field for each program by Mr. Lemke.

Mr. Tow then gave brief closing remarks.

Rep. Bell moved the committee arise.

The committee adjourned.

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Senator Dr. Joe M. Seng

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Ben Humphrey, Committee Secretary