

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

Date: February 22, 2007

Place: Room 305

Convened: 2/22/2007
10:00 AM

Recessed:

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Adjourned: 2/22/2007
11:30 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

Representative Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken and the minutes of the February 21 meeting were approved.

Representative Kuhn led a committee discussion on the FY 2008 Department Requests versus the Governor's Recommendations. Subcommittee members were asked for input regarding their funding priorities for the budget bill.

Mary Jane Olney, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and Liz Christiansen and Ken Herring, Department of Natural Resources, answered budget questions for Subcommittee members.

Representative Kuhn announced the General Fund budget target for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriation Subcommittee is \$41,276,167 for FY 2008, which is \$1,200,000 more than the Governor's Recommendations. The budget target for the Environmental First Fund was increased from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 for FY 2008.

Senator Gaskill moved the Committee arise.

Representative Mark Kuhn

Melissa Burmester, Committee Secretary