

**State Board of Agricultural Research  
Minutes - January 6, 1999  
Doublewood Inn and Conference Center  
Bismarck, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research met January 6, 1999 at the Doublewood in Bismarck, North Dakota at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Jerry Doan, Cole Gustafson, Jody Hauge, George Heller, Pat Jensen, Burdell Johnson, Roger Johnson, Don Morton (for Allan Fisher), Dale Reimers and Mark Weber.

Chairman Jerry Doan called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

Pat Jensen updated the board on the status of the animal care facility funding and also noted that NDSU is working with Dickinson State University on a collaborative ag program.

Doan reported that the subcommittee met last evening to further discuss adding responsibility for policymaking, budgeting and supervision of the Extension Service to SBAR's responsibilities. The subcommittee recommended legislation be changed to include the Extension Service oversight in the responsibilities of SBAR. Following discussion, the board agreed to support the change.

The board talked about legislative strategy - discussing additional initiatives, capital improvement project requests, and extension priorities. Sharon Anderson indicated if there was an opportunity to receive additional funds, she would support a 4-H youth specialist, sheep education program, technology package and soil conservation leadership education/environmental law position.

Following the discussion on budget priorities two motions were passed.

- ▶ Jody Hauge moved to support the governor's budget recommendation for research and if additional money is added to the budget the board's priority would be capital improvement projects. Ryan Brooks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- ▶ Burdell Johnson moved to support the governor's budget recommendation for extension, supporting requests for 4-H specialist, sheep education program, and technology package if additional funds are available. George Heller seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Senator Ken Solberg visited with the board, sharing some of his ideas and thoughts for the future. He indicated he was concerned about the future of agricultural research and encouraged SBAR to promote creativity in research efforts.

Doan encouraged board members to be as active as they can in the legislative process and to attend their local legislative forums.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson