

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Livestock Subcommittee
Minutes - August 29, 2000
Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND**

A livestock subcommittee of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at 10:00 a.m., August 29, 2000, in Bismarck at the Doublewood Inn. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Ryan Brooks, Jerry Doan, Cole Gustafson, Jody Hauge, Patricia Jensen, and Burdell Johnson.

Chairman Doan called the meeting to order. He indicated the meeting was arranged to review and work on prioritization of the BeefLine initiative, with plans to offer a recommendation to the full SBARE in September. The agenda also included updates from center directors regarding current livestock research efforts. Doan indicated that he and other board members continue to get questions from constituents regarding duplication of livestock research at the centers.

Tim Faller, Vern Anderson, and Kris Ringwall summarized their program activities, stating a desire to be involved in collaborative efforts. They stressed the need to provide educational assistance to their constituents. They expressed concern over the need to comply with environmental standards being initiated by state and local health departments when they have such limited resources available.

Jody Hauge stated a desire for more cooperation between the centers and the main station and more focused research. She recommended a coordinator be named to oversee the research work and to ensure the efforts at each center avoid duplication.

The BeefLine initiative was discussed as presented by Cole Gustafson. Following the discussion, members of the subcommittee decided it would be prudent to delay prioritization within the BeefLine until they see if and how much of the initiative the legislature funds. Proceeds from Dickinson oil revenue were also included in the total funding authorization request for the BeefLine initiative.

Board members present agreed that the Dickinson Research Extension Center needs to move ahead with necessary renovation following a summer storm that caused considerable damage there.

The meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson