

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – July 15, 2005
Videoconference Meeting – Fargo, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met via videoconference at 8:00 a.m. on July 15, 2005. Members participating included: Ole Aarsvold, Bob Bahm, John Bollingberg, D.C. Coston, Jerry Doan, Jerry Effertz, Ed Goerger, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Roger Johnson, Paul Langseth, and Larry Lee.

Chairman Jerry Effertz called the meeting to order and the minutes of the June 23 meeting were approved as distributed.

Duane Hauck noted the following:

- 1) Searches for a new NW district director and an extension entomologist are nearing completion.
- 2) Kathy Tweten held a Center for Community Vitality Advisory Board meeting recently and the group looked at a new 4-year plan. She plans to invite SBARE participation in the future.
- 3) Grant and Carson counties have extension agent vacancies and are exploring different staffing options.

Ken Grafton reported:

- 1) Annual field days are in progress and have been successful. Crops look very good in SW part of the state.
- 2) Three new durum varieties and a hard red spring wheat variety have been released recently.
- 3) The American Malting Barley Association and North Dakota Barley Council held an excellent field tour in western North Dakota.
- 4) Things are going well with the fundraising efforts for the new building in Streeter.
- 5) Jim Richardson resigned as soil science chair and Rod Lym has agreed to serve as interim.

D.C. Coston stated that he has been impressed with what he has observed here over the last 5-6 weeks and appreciates the warm welcome. He has observed:

- 1) Exciting innovations coming into the rural communities.
- 2) Outstanding NDSU faculty and staff in spite of size – great quality and commitment to citizens.
- 3) Ability to draw in resources to do traditional work allowed by appropriated funds.
- 4) Outstanding facilities.
- 5) Future will call for more work with each other so work is ready to be integrated by people being served, creating credibility.
- 6) Wonderful relationships between NDSU and off-campus organizations.
- 7) Need to find a way to carry innovations to enhance economics.

Jerry Effertz told board members that Larry Lee has agreed to represent SBARE on the Agronomy Seed Farm Council. The council will meet July 22 in Casselton.

Effertz indicated that the updated contract for administration of the Agricultural Research Fund was sent to the Rural Electric Cooperatives recently and they agreed to proposed changes.

Ole Aarsvold reported that he talked to a staff member in the Attorney General's office about SBARE's concerns with interpretation of the law as it relates to changes in term limits. It was suggested that the newly appointed board members resign and be reappointed to their terms. Aarsvold followed up by

contacting Laura Glatt in the University System Office. She conferred with attorney, Pat Seaworth, who outlined his interpretation, stating that the law allows anyone serving a 5-year term to be eligible for reappointment to another 4-year term. A copy of the email message from Seaworth is included with these minutes.

Jerry Doan stated that he did not feel that was the intent of the legislators who proposed the changes, although some longevity of members is important.

Chairman Effertz asked if it was still necessary to request an official attorney general's opinion because the interpretation is not a legal opinion.

Jerry Doan made a motion that SBARE request an official opinion regarding term limits from the North Dakota Attorney General. Larry Lee seconded the motion. Paul Langseth stated it would be a good idea and he was strongly supportive of the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Effertz recommended subcommittees as follows:

Executive Committee – current chair, vice chair and past chair

Livestock subcommittee – Bob Bahm, Jerry Doan and Rodney Howe (Howe will chair)

Crops subcommittee – Tom Borgen, Ed Goerger and Larry Lee (Goerger will chair)

Other subcommittee – John Bollingberg, Carol Goodman and Paul Langseth (Goodman will chair)

Effertz asked subcommittees to coordinate their meetings with Margaret Olson so others interested are made aware of meetings.

Roger Johnson told SBARE members that Secretary of Agriculture Johannes plans to be in Minot to talk about the upcoming farm bill and is looking for producer input. Rodney Howe suggested that Jerry Effertz attend the forum and speak on behalf of SBARE and Effertz agreed to attend.

The next SBARE meeting will be held October 25 in Fargo in conjunction with the Fall Research Extension Conference.

Rodney Howe recommended a coordinated news update to SBARE members on a regular basis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson