

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - November 29, 2005
Carrington Research Extension Center**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Carrington Research Extension Center on November 29 beginning at 9 a.m. Members present were John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Randy Christmann, Jerry Doan, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Rodney Howe, and Larry Lee. Due to inclement weather, Ole Aarsvold, D.C. Coston, Ken Grafton, and Duane Hauck participated from Fargo by video conference.

Minutes of the October 25 SBARE meeting were approved as distributed.

D.C. Coston reported that he continues to meet people across the state and it appears that people feel positive about their interactions with SBARE.

Planning continues with the Beef Systems Center for Excellence. A private partner, ND Beef LLC, is close to having a business plan complete. Coston encouraged SBARE members to ask questions during the plant tour scheduled for the afternoon. He added that he has visited with many individuals since the last SBARE meeting and all seemed comfortable with the direction the project is taking. SBARE will be asked to endorse NDSU's plan to reach an agreement with ND Beef LLC.

Coston shared a copy of a plan for collection of data for the 2007 legislative session (copy attached). He suggested that if SBARE members are comfortable with the plan, ag administrators will implement. Rod Howe asked that periodic updates be provided to SBARE members.

Duane Hauck reported that this is a busy time of the year for Extension staff with many public meetings.

1. He noted that the second Rural Leadership class is underway and SBARE members are invited to participate in any of the associated seminars.
2. Hauck reported that two candidates are being interviewed for the sheep specialist position and he anticipates interviews for the 4-H Science and Technology position will take place in December. He added that the application closing date for the Family and Consumer Science Director (Karen Zotz position) is November 29.

Jerry Effertz introduced Mike Rose. Rose is the chair of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals and Ward County agent. Rose talked with SBARE about a resolution encouraging Extension Leadership Team and SBARE support for staffing new and existing programs. The resolution supports giving equal consideration to family and parenting programs as priorities for future legislative funding. He noted that currently the biggest void is in north central North Dakota where there is a real need for a parenting program.

Ken Grafton provided the following update:

1. Greg McKee has been hired as director of the Burdick Center for Cooperatives.
2. The Ag and Natural Resources Interim Committee met on campus November 17. Much of the discussion related to scab diseases. The group toured campus greenhouses and laboratories.

3. At the Hettinger Advisory Board meeting November 8, Tim Faller announced that he plans to step down as director of the HREC February 15.
4. A resolution opposing beef research at the Hettinger Research Extension Center died for the lack of a second at the Stockmen's Convention recently.
5. Tom Archbold and Jim Broten will co-chair a committee to work on new greenhouses.

Jerry Effertz noted that a letter from SBARE, in support of new greenhouses at NDSU, was sent to Vice President Coston.

Ole Aarsvold reminded SBARE that the interim higher education committee will be meeting soon and it would be a good idea to invite them to tour the greenhouses to see the poor condition.

Board members discussed the structure of SBARE subcommittees/working groups. Again, concerns were expressed about an appropriate name and mission for the "other" committee. Members discussed four alternatives for subcommittee structure.

1. Animal and Human Resources
Crops and Natural Resources
2. Animal Resources
Crops and Natural Resources
Economic and Human Resources
3. Animal Resources
Crops
Other
4. No subcommittees - function as a full board on all issues

Randy Christmann questioned whether SBARE actually has all of Extension under its purview. He stated that his understanding was that SBARE was to be responsible for ag research and the education (Extension) about ag research, not total oversight of the Extension Service.

The subcommittee discussions will continue at the next meeting.

John Bollingberg thanked Jerry Effertz and D.C. Coston for the great job they had done addressing participants at the annual Farm Bureau Convention in mid-November.

Ole Aarsvold told SBARE members that he has contacted the ND attorney general's office for an official opinion regarding SBARE terms and was told it would take 6-8 weeks for a response.

Larry Lee indicated that he has had conversations with several individuals and he anticipates there may be some resolution made during the Farmer's Union Convention in December in support of ag research and the agricultural research fund, including replacement funding.

Doan said he has also talked with individuals about the Agricultural Research Fund tax money and ways to increase the fund. He suggested talks should begin with Lt. Jack Dalrymple, who was instrumental in initiating the fund, to see where the governor's office stands on the issue. If they are interested, a committee could be established to study alternatives.

D.C. Coston suggested a tentative date of January 13 for an SBARE meeting in Fargo.

Randy Christmann expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the business plan from the Beef Systems Center of Excellence partner group.

Jerry Effertz announced that Edmund Goerger has resigned from SBARE after taking a position with the North Dakota Soybean Council. He added that the Ag Coalition will be contacted to initiate replacement process.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. and members present at Carrington participated in a program presentation and research extension center tour.

Recorded by Margaret Olson