

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education**  
**Minutes - June 26, 2007**  
**Center for Technology Enterprise**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Center for Technology Enterprise in Fargo, North Dakota, on June 26, beginning at 1 p.m. Members present were Ole Aarsvold, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee, and Doyle Lentz.

Terri Zimmerman, business development specialist with the Center for Technology Enterprise, welcomed the group to the Center and provided an overview of the operations currently taking place in the building.

Chairman Effertz opened the meeting and called for introductions. Minutes of the April 24 SBARE meeting were approved as distributed.

Ken Grafton reported that the new budget is being implemented and searches are beginning for the associated positions. He noted that the research extension center directors were grateful for the additional funds made available for increases in support staff and he publicly thanked Representative Aarsvold for his help during the legislative session. Grafton told SBARE members that interviews for a new chair in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics will wind up today and the process should be completed soon.

Duane Hauck noted that Extension, too, is involved in the search processes for the positions associated with the budget implementation.

Al Schneiter explained that searches are in progress for an extension potato specialist and extension sugarbeet specialist. Both positions will be funded jointly with the University of Minnesota.

Ole Aarsvold reminded SBARE that research and extension were treated very well by the legislature this year and ended up with a very good budget. He acknowledged the work of Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, D.C. Coston and Jerry Effertz, stating that they were instrumental in the process and provided great information. Aarsvold added that a special thank you should be made to the legislative subcommittee that worked on the budget, especially Pam Gulleeson, Matt Klein, and Kathy Hawken.

Jerry Effertz announced that July 9 is the date for the annual meeting of the Agronomy Crops Council and he asked for SBARE participation.

Paul Langseth indicated that he represented SBARE at an annual variety release meeting held recently at NDSU.

Effertz reviewed the legislative process related to funding for the beef research facility, explaining that the legislature authorized \$1 million for a new building and appropriated \$80,000

to complete plans and preliminary designs. Effertz suggested an SBARE resolution may be in order to assure that the project moves along, expressing concern that NDSU capital projects had not moved as quickly as they should have in the past.

D.C. Coston told SBARE that the new head of the animal science department is to begin his duties July 1 and his involvement with the research facility will be critical. Coston said he was not sure what Effertz meant about NDSU project work moving slowly, clarifying timelines and processes related to recent capital projects at NDSU. He added that the intent is to move along as quickly as possible with the beef research project.

Rodney Howe said he has some concerns about the procedures and limitation of options, including possibly moving the research facility to a different location. He suggested that those working with the beef research facility need to be forward thinking, considering Fargo and the NDSU's future. Having said that, Rodney Howe made a motion to table the resolution and Larry Lee seconded the motion, which passed with Ole Aarsvold opposed.

Wade Moser, executive director for the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, stated that he was attending the meeting to support Effertz's proposed resolution. He said it was legislative intent to move forward to find additional funding for the research facility as soon as possible and he stated the intent was not to wait two more years. He stressed that NDSU is a part of Fargo and Cass County and they need an imprint of agriculture.

Tom Borgen noted that to delay any economic business is not good for the state or for agriculture producers.

Carol Goodman asked if a location for the beef research facility has been selected. Discussion followed.

Rodney Howe expressed thanks to Wade Moser and told him that although he respected his position, he (Howe) understood that the \$80,000 was appropriated for a feasibility study. Howe added that if Moser has concerns about the process, he should contact NDSU ag administrators to encourage progress.

Jerry Effertz said that he was with Senator Bowman when the language relating to the \$80,000 was drafted and the intended use was for plans, permits and fees to design a beef research building, not for a feasibility study. He added that by not replacing the facility at the current site, that land may be lost to agriculture programs.

Larry Lee made a motion to remove the issue from the table allowing for more discussion. Duane Hauck reminded the board that it may be possible to leverage funds better if additional options are considered. Doyle Johannes seconded the motion, which passed.

Ken Grafton reminded SBARE that the legislature authorized \$1 million, but that money needs to be raised. He added that once the money is available, the project can move forward.

Jerry Effertz suggested that credibility is an issue and it is important to follow through with what is expected.

John Bollingberg said location should be negotiated to leverage available dollars.

D.C. Coston told the board that he has visited with President Chapman and has been assured that if anything is done with 19th avenue or any other ag land, the money will go towards enhanced agriculture facilities.

Don Kirby reminded SBARE members that the current livestock research facility is close to being condemned.

Paul Langseth said he appreciated learning more about a new livestock facility and asked what the next step would be and Coston responded that the intent is to include the new head of the Animal Science Department in a concurrent study of all NDSU animal facilities.

Bruce Bollinger told SBARE that the salary package dollars were allocated in a lump sum to the main station and he needed SBARE's approval to distribute appropriately to the research extension centers.

John Bollingberg made a motion to authorize allocation of salary dollars to the appropriate research extension centers. Tom Borgen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Effertz distributed copies of the contract with the ND REC (Lori Capouch) for administration of the Agricultural Research Fund and noted that the contract is up for renewal. After review, Larry Lee made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Carol Goodman seconded the motion. John Bollingberg and Paul Langseth both stated that Lori Capouch does an outstanding job of managing the Ag Research Fund and that she should be commended. The motion passed unanimously.

Coston reviewed the schedule for President Chapman's "Conversations Across the Land" tour and encouraged SBARE members to attend when events were in their local areas.

Before the meeting adjourned Wade Moser asked ag administrators when the comprehensive plan for the livestock facilities will be done and Coston said he expected the process would take approximately 6-8 months.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson