

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - January 8, 2009
Best Western Seven Seas - Mandan, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Best Western Seven Seas in Mandan, North Dakota beginning at 10 a.m. on January 8, 2009. Members present were Bob Bahm, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Chuck Fleming (for Roger Johnson), Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Jim Kerzman, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee, and Doyle Lentz.

Chair Jerry Effertz welcomed all to the meeting and made introductions. He reminded SBARE members that communication is very important and all interested in agriculture need to be proactive throughout this legislative session.

Kris Ringwall, director of the Dickinson Research Extension Center, updated SBARE on the proposed capital improvement project for the Dickinson Research Extension Center.

Ringwall and Doug Freeman, chair of veterinary and microbiological sciences at NDSU, told SBARE that with the recent tuberculosis outbreaks, it is anticipated that legislators will be talking about the \$1.7 million animal health initiative included in SBARE priority list. He suggested SBARE members and others should be prepared to respond accordingly.

Minutes of the November 1, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

Draft copies of the budget book, to be distributed to legislators during budget hearings, were shared with SBARE members. Effertz said the books will be useful and encouraged board members to get comfortable with them and make use of them during the session.

Ken Grafton, director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, provided an update on the NDSU greenhouse project, indicating that because of early wet conditions, the project is approximately five weeks behind schedule. He talked about the feasibility study, fundraising effort and development of plans to raise \$3 million for a Level Three Biosafety Facility.

Greg Lardy, professor of animal sciences, updated the board on the NDSU Beef Research Facility, indicating that the research equipment requested will allow flexibility to do many different types of research. He added that the Governor's budget recommendation also includes removal of existing facilities and grounds beautification.

Jay Fisher, director of the North Central Research Extension Center, shared updates on the headquarters renovations at Minot.

Asst. Experiment Station Director Tim Faller, representing the Williston Research Extension Center, reported on plans for renovations/additions planned for Williston.

Effertz reminded board members that it will be important to make distinction between costs of remodeling versus new construction and the best use of space. He added that it is important to talk with legislators about the inability to complete building projects when they are funded for less than what is needed.

Randy Mehlhoff, director of the Langdon Research Extension Center, explained to SBARE members how they plan to add operational efficiency at the Center by installing a geothermal system.

Tom Teigen, director of the Agronomy Seed Farm, explained why he does not request appropriated funds, indicating that the farm is self-funded from seed sales and added that they do not have capital project needs.

Duane Hauck, director of the NDSU Extension Service; Brad Cogdill, chair of the 4-H Center for Youth Development; and Kathy Tweten, director of the Center for Community Vitality, reviewed program initiatives included in the Governor's budget recommendation for the NDSU Extension Service.

Ken Grafton reviewed program initiatives included in the Governor's budget recommendation for the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and shared a proposed agenda for the upcoming SB 2020 legislative budget hearing.

Effertz thanked the board for their work on the budget over the past two years. He added that SBARE did their homework, listened to constituents, addressed issues, and put forth initiatives to address issues. He noted that the preparation of an SBARE priority list is a good process and the challenge is to continue to support the list. Effertz said that continued discussions are good and members need to diligently support the current priority list, noting that if there are additions and/or changes, they should not be in place of currently ranked priorities, but in addition to.

SBARE members were invited to participate in the Ag Coalition meeting at 2 p.m. today and were also encouraged to attend both an Ag Coalition-sponsored legislative social and a Rural Leadership North Dakota-sponsored legislative social, both to be held at the Kelly Inn later in the day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson