

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education  
Minutes – April 27, 2009  
Kelly Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota beginning at 11 a.m. on April 27, 2009. Members present were John Bollingberg, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Doug Goehring, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Jim Kerzman, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee, and Doyle Lentz.

Chairman Jerry Effertz called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Effertz welcomed Doug Goehring, recently appointed ND Agriculture Commissioner and ex-officio member of SBARE. Goehring updated the group on the recent efforts to help livestock producers affected by the floods and poor weather conditions across the state. He commended the Extension Service for their work and the efforts they have made to assist with flood/weather related issues over the past weeks.

Duane Hauck introduced County Extension Agents Kristen Vetter and Doug Bichler, who talked about their flood work in Linton, one of the hardest hit areas of the state. They presented a slide show that provided evidence of the damage and devastation in Emmons County.

Jim Kerzman briefed SBARE on current legislative work, suggesting that it has been a very challenging session.

Research Extension Center Directors Chris Schauer, Randy Mehlhoff, Paul Nyren, Tom Teigen, Kris Ringwall, Jay Fisher and Blaine Schatz talked about how the extreme weather conditions have impacted their respective research extension centers.

Gerald Sturn, Kathy Tweten, and Mike Hanson, members of the NDSU Extension Leadership Team, reported on flood efforts that Extension employees in their areas have been involved with.

Tim Faller, assistant director of the ND Agricultural Experiment Station, told SBARE that he has been asked to find ways for SBARE to work more closely with the Research Extension Center advisory boards. He said he welcomes input from SBARE members as the planning progresses.

Lori Capouch, administrator for the Agricultural Research Fund, updated the board on the activities of the ARF granting committees. Capouch distributed copies of a proposed contract for renewal of services to administer the Agricultural Research Fund, indicating the current agreement expires June 30. Following review by board members and a brief discussion, Larry Lee made a motion to renew the contract as presented. Paul Langseth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D.C. Coston's update:

1. Review of NDSU campus involvement with the flood efforts
2. Rural Leadership ND Class III plans an international seminar to Canada and recruiting efforts are underway for the fourth class.
3. President Chapman's "2009 Conversations Across the Land" tour includes a two-day trip with stops in Grand Forks, Rugby, Bottineau, Turtle Lake Community College, Langdon and Hoople. SBARE members are invited to participate in events as schedules permit.

**Ken Grafton's update:**

1. The March 20 closing date for Plant Sciences department head search has been extended.
2. Animal Sciences department head search process will begin soon.
3. Tom Wahl, Agribusiness and Applied Economics department chair, asked to relinquish his administrative responsibilities and return to a faculty position. Dave Saxowsky will serve as interim chair.
4. Recruitments are in progress for several open faculty positions.

**Duane Hauck's update:**

1. An offer has been made for the Extension engineer to be located in Dickinson.
2. Mountrail County has a new Extension agent who will focus on 4-H community development.
3. An electronic media specialist was recently hired in Agriculture Communication.
4. Several searches are beginning or in progress.
5. The Extension Service is working on an agreement with Ducks Unlimited and Bayer Crop Science to fund agronomists that will work on winter wheat production in North Dakota.

Jerry Effertz reviewed his involvement with the 2008-09 Legislative Session, indicating it was an interesting process and one that he felt very good about it. He added that there is still considerable conversation about additional funds needed to complete the greenhouse project.

Effertz announced that he has appointed a subcommittee to discuss the SBARE process. He distributed copies of considerations for that group as well as a list of considerations for NDSU Ag Administrators. Follow-up discussions will be scheduled for the next SBARE meeting.

Rodney Howe commended the Extension Service for their efforts during the times of statewide disasters these past weeks. He also acknowledged Jerry Effertz for his commitment to SBARE and agricultural research and Extension in North Dakota.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson