

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – November 20, 2009
North Central Research Extension Center**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot, ND, beginning at 10:40 a.m. on November 20, 2009, following a tour of their buildings and grounds. Members present were Bob Bahm, Tom Borgen, Judy Carlson (for Doug Goehring), D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Roger Haugen (for Duane Hauck), Rodney Howe, Jim Kerzman, Paul Langseth, and Larry Lee.

Chairman Rodney Howe thanked Jay Fisher and his staff for the tour and commended them for maintaining a beautiful facility.

Following introductions, Chairman Howe reported:

1. Paul Langseth has been appointed to the NDSU presidential search committee.
2. As a follow up to the last meeting, the capital bond payments in question will not be a part of the research and Extension funding request.
3. January 15 is the tentative date for the next SBARE meeting. It will be held in Fargo and ag department chairs and Extension Leadership Team will provide input for SBARE consideration. Board members will work on development of a draft outline for prioritization process. (Howe suggested that it may be best to package the priorities together instead of creating a long list.)
4. An invitation has been extended to interim President Richard Hanson to attend the SBARE meeting in January or one that fits his schedule.
5. NDSU Provost/Vice President Craig Schnell has requested time with SBARE to discuss the evaluation of Dean/Director Ken Grafton.

Paul Langseth reminded board members that he is on the presidential search committee as a representative of SBARE and he asked that individuals provide him with advice and share any input they receive.

Jerry Effertz indicated that it may be prudent to have discussions with major ag organizations prior to beginning the prioritization process, but Howe responded that it would be difficult to single out certain groups and suggested the Ag Coalition may be an appropriate group to talk with because of their broad representation.

Carol Goodman emphasized the importance of providing input to Langseth regarding the presidential search, noting the importance of proceeding with a clear knowledge of the land-grant mission.

When called on by Howe, Senator Bob Horne expressed appreciation for the work of SBARE and encouraged board members to communicate with all members of the NDSU presidential search committee.

Representative Matt Klein also expressed appreciation to SBARE members and said their work makes the job of legislators easier, adding that SBARE has definitely established credibility.

SBARE listened to input from the following research extension center directors:

1. Blaine Schatz, director of the Carrington Research Extension Center
2. Paul Nyren, director of the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center
3. Chris Schauer, director of the Hettinger Research Extension Center

4. **Randy Mehlhoff, director of the Langdon Research Extension Center**
5. **Jay Fisher, director of the North Central Research Extension Center**

Following a brief discussion regarding the Centers of Excellence, Jerry Effertz asked administrators if ADM and/or Monsanto contributed as was anticipated. Grafton said they had not made monetary contributions, but Monsanto has provided germplasm.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:10 and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Howe called for approval of the October 23-24, 2009, meeting minutes. Tom Borgen made a motion to approve as distributed and Bob Bahm seconded the motion, which passed.

Jerry Bergman, director of the Williston Research Extension Center, responded to SBARE's request for input from the Williston Center. He also thanked board members for holding their meeting in Williston last summer, providing an opportunity to showcase the center.

In discussing the process for prioritizing budget requests, Jerry Effertz questioned whether associated costs/dollars would be included. Chairman Howe suggested the priority setting process is more accurate if dollar values are not included initially.

The following organizational representatives spoke with SBARE about their needs/future visions:

1. **Julie Ellingson, executive director of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association**
2. **Larry Kotchman, State Forester, North Dakota Forest Service**
3. **Gaylon Baker, president of the Economic Development Association of North Dakota**
4. **Milton Lindvig on behalf of the North Dakota Irrigation Association**
5. **Brad Brummond, on behalf of the North Dakota Organic Community**
6. **Gary Hoffman, on behalf of the ND Dairy Coalition**
7. **Ryan Brooks, president of the Northern Pulse Growers**

Chairman Howe reminded SBARE members to mark their calendars for a January 15, 2010, meeting in Fargo.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson