

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education**  
**Minutes - December 18, 2000**  
**NDSU Alumni Center, Fargo, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at 9:00 a.m., December 18, 2000, in Fargo, at the NDSU Alumni Center. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Sylvia Daws, Jerry Doan, Neal Fisher, Cole Gustafson, Jody Hauge, Maynard Helgaas, George Heller, Patricia Jensen, Burdell Johnson, and Phil Mason (for Roger Johnson).

Chair Jerry Doan called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 30, 2000, meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairs of the crop and livestock subcommittees reported on their work, explaining the committees will continue to work with producers and NDSU faculty/staff on long-range plans.

After discussing how SBARE could connect better with constituents, members decided an update should be mailed to commodity groups, multi-county program units, and research extension center advisory committees.

Randy Melhoff, Langdon Research Extension Center Director, spoke with the group about the impact of the reduction in Langdon's budget request. Following Randy's comments, Tim Bryan made a motion to ask the legislature to increase the authorization for Langdon to \$800,000, which is the full and original amount requested. Patricia Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Don Hanson talked with SBARE about the budget reduction in the extraordinary repairs line item, which is the money used to maintain research buildings. He stated the 35% reduction was based on a new method of calculation used by the Office of Management and Budget whereby they compared the Experiment Station to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Forest Service – not a fair comparison in his opinion.

SBARE discussed single line-item budgets for the main station, extension, and the Northern Crops Institute. This system would allow more internal flexibility. Neal Fisher made a motion to seek a change in legislation to allow single line-item budget for the main station, extension and NCI budgets. Maynard Helgaas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cole Gustafson discussed two other proposed legislative changes:

1) Amend legislative language in "SBARE Membership - Terms" to read "the president of NDSU or designee".

2) Amend legislative language in "Apportionment of Research Funds" to include authorization to pay costs associated with administration of the research fund.

Tim Bryan made a motion to endorse proposed changes, but after a suggestion that the proposed changes be voted on separately, he withdrew his motion.

Ryan Brooks made a motion to support a proposed change in legislation allowing for use of some ag research funds for administration. Tom Archbold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tim Bryan made a motion to add "or NDSU president's designee" to the membership language. Jody Hauge seconded the motion which passed with Burdell Johnson, Ryan Brooks, and Tom Archbold opposed.

George Heller asked to discuss terms for SBARE, suggesting members should be eligible for appointment to a second five-year term. After several members stated their feelings on term limits, it was decided to ask the Ag Coalition to make a recommendation on membership term limits.

Board member Jody Hauge and her husband, Jim, were congratulated for being named Agriculturalists of the Year at the Little International, to be held February 9-10, 2001 in Fargo.

Tim Bryan commented on SBARE's scope of obligation and visibility as reported in a recent news article. He stated much of the noted success is due to Jerry Doan's commitment to agriculture research and extension.

The board discussed strategy for the Senate Appropriations Committee agriculture budget hearing, which is scheduled January 4, 2001 in Bismarck.

Tim Bryan indicated that the North Central Research Extension Center Advisory Board recently decided to move ahead with a proposal to seek authorization to purchase land adjacent to the center. Patricia Jensen stated this is a unique opportunity that should be explored.

Jerry Bergman, Director of the Williston Research Extension Center, spoke to SBARE and asked for their support in seeking legislative authorization to purchase (with private funds) 160 acres of land for an irrigation project. Tom Archbold made a motion to approve the request. Maynard Helgaas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sharon Anderson introduced Mike Hanson, Emmons County Extension Agent and chair of the planning committee for the 2001 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference. He indicated they are expecting between 900-1200 youth agents will attend the conference in Bismarck October 21-26, 2001. Hanson invited SBARE members to attend any or all parts of the conference.

Vern Anderson, animal scientist at the Carrington Research Extension Center, introduced Dan Dehahn, who presented results of a study his engineering firm conducted for the North Dakota Livestock Endowment Foundation. The study was conducted to develop cost estimates for feed mill renovation and a proposed feedlot at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson