

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - June 21, 2006
Kelly Inn - Bismarck, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck on June 21 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Members present were Ole Aarsvold, Bob Bahm, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Randy Christmann, D.C. Coston, Jerry Doan, Jerry Effertz, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee and Roger Johnson.

Chairman Jerry Effertz opened the meeting and the minutes of the April 19 meeting were approved as distributed.

D.C. Coston reported that on May 17, SBARE gave a report to the State Board of Higher Education regarding equity funding. Coston indicated that in addition to his testimony at the hearing, comments were received from former North Dakota State Senator Gary Nelson, NDSU President Joseph Chapman, and SBARE Chair Jerry Effertz. Coston suggested copies of the testimonies be included with SBARE records.

Coston also reported that on June 14, SBARE reported to the Budget Section of the Legislative Council. He said SBARE Chair Jerry Effertz made the presentation, adding that he had done a superb job, providing a brief, but very complete, accountability report for funding activities in 2005 and talked about 2007 expectations.

Coston announced that NDSU Agriculture and University Extension is hosting the 2006 North Central Land Grant Universities Summer Meeting July 9-11, reminded SBARE members to attend research extension center field days as their schedules allow, and noted that President Chapman has extended an invitation for SBARE members to attend the November 18 NDSU/SDSU football game.

Ken Grafton informed SBARE of the following:

1. Chris Schauer started as director for the Hettinger Research Extension Center on June 1.
2. The application deadline for the bean breeder is today.
3. Animal and range sciences has interviewed five individuals for the meat sciences positions and four of the candidates were acceptable.

Duane Hauck reported:

1. Jerry Effertz will serve on a panel at the North Central Land Grant Summer Meeting to discuss building advocacy.
2. Extension Service is reviewing county funding support.
3. Deb Gebeke has assumed her new position with the NDSU Extension Service, replacing Karen Zotz.
4. Hauck and Roger Johnson will be attending a regional conference on July 21 related to opportunities in biofuels and positioning to be a key player.
5. There are four new county agents in the southwest area of North Dakota.

Rodney Howe indicated that the beef systems project has secured verbal commitments for more than three million dollars adding that three and one-half million dollars is the benchmark and the group is optimistic. He indicated that three related positions in animal and range sciences should be filled soon.

Howe told SBARE members that he was sad that this would be Jerry Doan's final SBARE meeting and that he has very much appreciated his input and guidance.

Crops subcommittee chair, Larry Lee, had no update, but did relay to SBARE that he had attended the Scab Summit at Minot and the SBARE presentation to the State Board of Higher Education.

SBARE members discussed benefits and associated issues related to the governor's grant program for Centers of Excellence.

Jerry Effertz requested copies of the testimonies from President Chapman, Gary Nelson, D.C. Coston and Jerry Effertz, presented to the State Board of Higher Education on May 17, 2006, become part of the SBARE record.

Jerry Doan told SBARE board members that he was asked to serve on the Rural Leadership North Dakota board of directors and agreed. He added that the board is exploring opportunities for additional funding support for the program.

Doan indicated he has not had an opportunity to visit with the governor's office about the Agricultural Research Fund, but has heard that there may be some question about the need or usefulness of the fund anymore.

Doan told board members that he was asked by former Senator Gary Nelson to review the history of SBARE with the entire board at this last meeting as a board member, and he did so. He stressed the need to keep former SBARE members involved, to continue working on development of program budgets, to have discussions about SBARE with leadership groups, and to continue to work on relationship building. He added that his time with SBARE has been challenging through the years, but very rewarding.

Bruce Bollinger reported that his team is working on building the biennial budget. He noted that Tammy Dolan replaced Celeste Kubasta in the role of OMB budget analyst and indicated he anticipates she will attend the next SBARE meeting.

Doan told SBARE members that the nominating committee held a conference call recently, evaluated the current SBARE leadership and agreed to recommend that Jerry Effertz continue as chair and Rodney Howe be elected as vice-chair. Doan made the motion, which was seconded by Larry Lee and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson