

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education  
Minutes - December 13, 2007  
Seven Seas, Mandan, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Seven Seas in Mandan, ND beginning at 8:00 a.m. on December 13, 2007. Members present were Ole Aarsvold, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Randy Christmann, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Roger Johnson, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee, and Doyle Lentz.

Chairman Jerry Effertz called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors. He said he was pleased to have SBARE's two legislative members present at the meeting and asked for them for comments.

Senator Christmann indicated that this is a quiet time for North Dakota agriculture, adding that he appreciates the fact that SBARE is starting early to plan for the next budget session.

Representative Aarsvold reported that the interim committee is doing a review/rewrite of the Century Code as it relates to agriculture.

Christmann told the board that there is no reason to think programs will be underfunded during the next legislative session and added that he is optimistic. In response to a question about legislative reaction to funding requests, he said that budgets cannot be built on unstable sources and it is likely that one-time requests will be looked at most positively.

Aarsvold agreed that deferred maintenance and one-time requests will likely be considered. He told SBARE that it is important to get requests included in the Governor's budget.

On a motion by Larry Lee, seconded by Tom Borgen, the minutes of the November 8-9 SBARE meeting were approved as distributed.

D.C. Coston distributed information on status of 2007 funded initiatives and gave SBARE members an update on the Farm Bill as it impacts NDSU and North Dakota agriculture.

Duane Hauck reported that Nicholas David has been hired as the area potato specialist and a search is ongoing for a new sugarbeet specialist. He added that George Flaskerud and Terry Gregoire have indicated plans to retire in the coming months.

Ken Grafton told SBARE that interviews have been completed for a faculty position in bioproducts. Grafton also reported that President Chapman has indicated that the Development Foundation would be supportive of helping to raise \$3 million for the greenhouse project and that the executive board of the Foundation is excited about the project.

SBARE heard input from the following groups/organizations regarding their work with SBARE:

**Louis Arnold – North Dakota Barley Council**

**Janis Cheney – AARP**

**Julie Kubisiak – North Dakota Jump Start Coalition**

**Neal Fisher – North Dakota Wheat Commission**

**Larry Kleingartner – National Sunflower Association**

**SBARE also received written input regarding the Center for Ag Policy and Trade Studies and correspondence from the International Water Institute.**

**Duane Hauck reminded SBARE members that the mission of the NDSU Extension Service is to create learning partnerships. Having said that, he called on members of the Extension Leadership Team to talk briefly about their work in specific areas of the Extension Service.**

**Brad Cogdill - 4-H youth development and programming**

**Deb Gebeke - health and wealth for North Dakotans**

**Roger Haugen - ag and natural resources programs**

**Margaret Tweten - Extension field staff and operations and related issues**

**Kathy Tweeten - community economics and leadership**

**Ken Grafton reviewed AES budget needs, noting the following theme areas:**

**Pest management**

**Bioproducts**

**Cropping systems**

**Land management**

**Livestock enhancement**

**Enhancing crop quality**

**Economic development**

**Grafton noted that funding needs also include support staff and infrastructure, as well as funding for capital improvement projects.**

**The board discussed how the work of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Northern Crops Institute differ, with Grafton indicating that the NCI's mission is to promote and market agricultural products and the Experiment Station's mission is to conduct research.**

**Jerry Effertz reminded the board that the Century Code does not mention Northern Crops Institute in SBARE's duties and responsibilities.**

**Ken Grafton reported that there are five quarters of land north of the Agronomy Seed Farm that may be available at an auction after the first of the year, noting a unique opportunity.**

**Following extensive discussion regarding the land, Rodney Howe made a motion that SBARE encourage NDSU agriculture administrators to pursue the purchase of land adjacent to the Agronomy Seed Farm (NE ¼ Section 4, Township 139, Range 52 in Cass County). Doyle Lentz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Effertz reported that he had met with the NDSU Development Foundation about the greenhouse project. He indicated that the executive committee approved the project as one of their top three priorities and said that a consultant will be hired to conduct a feasibility study. Effertz encouraged SBARE members to join him in making a donation to the project, showing SBARE's support and endorsement.**

**Effertz indicated that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 29 and he would expect to hear from research extension center directors regarding their budget requests.**

**The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.**

**Recorded by Margaret Olson**