

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - June 27, 2008
Jamestown, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the North Dakota Farmers Union Headquarters in Jamestown, North Dakota, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on June 27, 2008. Members present were John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Randy Christmann, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Duane Hauck, Roger Johnson, Jim Kerzman, Paul Langseth, and Larry Lee.

Chairman Jerry Effertz called the meeting to order and the minutes of the May 30 meeting were approved as distributed.

Effertz talked about the Streeter Field Day and associated activities held June 26 at the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center. He complimented Paul and Anne Nyren for their outstanding work in organizing the day's events at the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center, noting that there was a very unique group of participants and most stayed for the entire day and for the evening events. John Bollingberg and Jim Kerzman agreed with Effertz and said they had participated and were extremely impressed. Effertz suggested expanding the focus of all the research extension center field days in the future.

D.C. Coston reviewed the GROW 21 portion of the budget document. He said the concept worked well during the last legislative session and he is hoping SBARE will support the narrative for use in the coming session.

Duane Hauck stressed the importance of SBARE's acknowledgment of the three components of healthy communities – Diverse, Resilient Economy; Effective, Efficient Infrastructure; and Leadership.

Hauck provided a PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) review and update, noting the intent is to include a broad participation of Extension staff and SBARE members at future conferences.

Jerry Effertz added that he had the opportunity to participate in the PILD conference this year and it was an extremely valuable experience.

Duane Hauck reviewed the distribution of federal funds to the NDSU Extension Service and explained how the federal government manages the distribution.

Hauck also presented an update of the 2007 state funded initiatives.

Jerry Effertz reminded the board that there have been great outcomes for research and Extension over the last 18 months and SBARE needs to be responsible in sharing the successes and accomplishments as we move into the next budget cycle.

Chris Schauer thanked SBARE for their help in adding back items in the original renovation plan at the Hettinger Research Extension Center. He added that they are looking at a November or December completion.

Jay Fisher told SBARE that the machine storage shed at the North Central Research Extension Center is being constructed (30 feet shorter) and should be completed by fall.

Fisher indicated that the headquarters addition/renovation project is not in the plan right now and that he hopes funding will come through in the next legislative session to complete that project.

Jerry Effertz visited with SBARE about the process used for submitting capital project requests to the State Board of Higher Education indicating there was a change this year and SBARE was asked to submit only one project for consideration. He told the board that he visited with the Chancellor hoping to convince him to allow SBARE to forward three projects, suggesting that agriculture is different from other academic units. Effertz said the Chancellor encouraged SBARE to continue to work with the Governor's office to add additional capital projects.

Board members had considerable discussion about the capital projects submission process and how to proceed, emphasizing that the goal would be to get the requests into the Governor's budget. Roger Johnson suggested working through OMB and Randy Christmann agreed, adding that SBARE should not get discouraged. He said it is not at all unusual for some agencies to omit some projects and he encouraged SBARE to continue to sell their requests to both the Governor and legislators.

Jerry Effertz told SBARE members to talk about the capital project lists with people/groups as they attend summer meetings.

Roger Johnson reminded SBARE that the outcome of the budget requests will hinge on the status of measures on a November ballot and that board members should keep that in mind as they visit with groups/boards across the state.

D.C. Coston distributed copies of the capital project presentation offered to the State Board of Higher Education June 19. Board members agreed that it would be a good idea to share the information with the Ag Coalition during their July meeting and Neal Fisher (North Dakota Wheat Commission Administrator and former SBARE member) volunteered to attend and make the presentation.

Tom Borgen made a motion that SBARE endorse the capital project dollar figures provided to the State Board of Higher Education and the Office of Management and Budget. Carol Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Carol Goodman commented on the proposed measures on the November ballot and encouraged SBARE members to stay aware, indicating that the outcome will have significant impact. She reminded board members that they need to think long-term and not be short sighted.

D.C. Coston presented an update/status report on the Farm Bill and explained how the outcome affects North Dakotans.

Randy Mehlhoff reported that the Langdon Research Extension Center is targeted for hemp research. He stated that he has major concerns about the time involved, as well as all the federal regulations.

Carol Goodman indicated that the SBARE nominating committee had discussed the positions of SBARE chair and vice chair, adding that Jerry Effertz and Rodney Howe were both willing to continue to serve in those roles if re-elected. Goodman said the nominating committee recommended Effertz continue as chair and Howe continue as vice-chair. D.C. Coston called for additional nominations and none were submitted.

Randy Christmann made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot electing Jerry Effertz as chair and Rodney Howe as vice-chair for the coming year. Tom Borgen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Effertz thanked the board for their support and indicated he intends to continue working hard for SBARE and appreciates the commitment of all other board members.

Effertz reminded SBARE members to attend area field days if possible, noting they are great events. He indicated that the next meeting will be held in late October or early November.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson