

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – October 23-24, 2009
NDSU Alumni Center, Fargo, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the NDSU Alumni Center in Fargo, ND beginning at 1 p.m. on October 23, 2009. Members present were Bob Bahm, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Jim Kerzman, Jerry Klein, Paul Langseth, Larry Lee, and Doyle Lentz.

Chairman Rodney Howe called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Minutes of the July 30 SBARE meeting were approved as distributed.

Brad Cogdill, Director of the Center for 4-H Youth Development, shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the 4-H program in North Dakota and highlighted some of the latest activities/projects.

Chairman Howe reported that he and Paul Langseth, SBARE vice-chair, met with Governor Hoeven, Lance Gaebe, Lt. Governor Dalrymple and Sheila Peterson from OMB in September. They talked about the research and Extension budgets and Howe indicated that there were good, lengthy discussions that were very positive, adding that all were very supportive of SBARE and the SBARE process.

Howe said that he and Langseth also met with NDSU Development Foundation administrators two weeks ago for an update on the greenhouse fundraising efforts. NDSU Development Foundation assistant director Peter Nygaard was in attendance at the meeting and reminded SBARE that he would be available to meet any time and any place to talk about funding for the greenhouse project.

D.C. Coston distributed updated reports on the funding initiatives for the 2007 and 2009 legislative sessions. Effertz questioned why bond payments were included on the list of general fund projects and ag administrators assured him they would check it out and report back to SBARE.

Coston talked about the Food Entrepreneurship Boot Camp that was held in Bismarck October 15, noting it was very well done and well attended.

Coston informed SBARE that the third class of Rural Leadership North Dakota graduated on October 16. The banquet and program included presentation of the second Joseph Chapman Leadership Award. He announced that this year's award recipient was Carol Goodman. On behalf of SBARE, Rodney Howe applauded her commitment to the program and congratulated her on receiving this year's award.

Ken Grafton stressed the importance of being able to show SBARE some of the greatest campus needs by touring several buildings/labs prior to the start of today's meeting.

Grafton noted the following:

1. Cathy Logue, who assisted with the morning tours, is a professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences and also carries a 30% appointment as assistant experiment station director.
2. The search is still in progress for the head of plant sciences.
3. The search for a new chair in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics has not begun.

4. **Tim Faller's appointment as assistant experiment station director has been extended for another three years.**
5. **Greg Lardy is the new head of animal sciences.**
6. **The experiment station hosted a multi-state climate change meeting in September.**
7. **The experiment station continues to engage in discussions with Bayer Crop Science regarding a winter wheat program.**
8. **Phase II of the greenhouse project is underway and Phase I may not be completed until the end of February due to recent poor weather conditions.**
9. **Phase II of the Beef Research Facility is underway.**

Tom Borgen asked how SBARE could help to secure funds for the campus ag buildings and labs that are in need of renovations and upgrades. Grafton responded that they are considered to be university facilities and need to be included in NDSU's campus master plan.

Duane Hauck distributed copies of a brochure, NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture), describing the new organization established by the 2008 Farm Bill, noting that it replaces CSREES.

Hauck shared a handout that outlined:

1. **Legislator/commissioner gatherings hosted by county offices in 2008**
2. **His efforts to visit all 53 county Extension offices in 12 months**
3. **4-H National Youth Science Day**
4. **Importance of formula funds for the Extension budget**

The following individuals attended the meeting and talked about the state of their commodity/industry and how SBARE could be supportive:

Tara Muhlhauser, State Child Welfare Director, ND Department of Human Services

Barry Coleman, Executive Director, Northern Canola Growers

Representative Kathy Hawken, ND State Legislature, speaking on behalf of children and education

Tom Hanson, Executive Director, North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Helen Danielson, Network Liaison, North Dakota Kids Count

Tom Lilja, Executive Director, North Dakota Corn Growers

Neal Fisher, Executive Director, North Dakota Wheat Commission

Chairman Howe had asked SBARE members to review the proposed committee make-ups for the Agricultural Research Fund granting committees prior to the meeting. Following a short discussion regarding ARF committees, Doyle Lentz made a motion to approve the committee listings as presented. Jerry Klein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 24 at the Alumni Center.

SBARE continued their information gathering by hearing input from the following individuals:

Larry Kleingartner, Executive Director, National Sunflower Association

Dan Wogsland, Executive Director, North Dakota Grain Growers

Steve Edwardson, Executive Administrator, North Dakota Barley Council

Chairman Howe reported that Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, also a member of SBARE, has been hospitalized and is currently undergoing medical tests. A motion was made by Jerry Effertz to send him a message of encouragement and support on behalf of SBARE. Doyle Lentz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Howe updated SBARE on the Grape and Wine Program Committee, to which he has been appointed. He indicated there is an impressive group of individuals serving on the committee that will work with NDSU research and Extension to provide diversified agriculture in North Dakota. Howe added that he anticipates the outcomes could be very positive.

Howe told SBARE that November 20 will be the next opportunity for stakeholders to provide input for SBARE consideration in the budget process. The session will be held at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot.

Duane Hauck announced the following new hires in the NDSU Extension Service: Chris Boerboom, Assistant Director for Ag and Natural Resources; Daniel Waldstein, Area Extension Specialist at the North Central Research Extension Center; and Dave Lehman, Extension Engineer at the Dickinson Research Extension Center.

Hauck also told the board that there is a group working on the feasibility of transforming the Washburn 4-H Camp to a “living/learning center.” He added that as the plans progress, SBARE may be asked to support the effort.

Ken Grafton thanked the board for participating in the campus/program tour yesterday and said that although some of the conditions were somewhat embarrassing, he is committed to improvements. He reiterated that the facilities are considered to be “university” buildings, so if any renovations/upgrades are made, requests need to be included with the NDSU campus plan.

Tom Borgen stressed the importance of the Centers of Excellence and mentioned the recent negative news reports about them. Senator Jerry Klein said he was involved with recent hearings to review the Centers and indicated they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Klein said it was unfortunate that the media did not follow-up their initial reports with the positive outcome reports.

Jerry Effertz reminded board members to review the ARF allocations summary provided by Lori Capouch, noting that there is almost a 50% drop in livestock revenue receipts. He added that the drops will ultimately affect other commodity industries.

Hauck announced that John Lukach is working as a winter wheat agronomist at Langdon through an agreement with Bayer Crop Science.

Hauck also announced that Dr. Richard Hanson has been named interim president at NDSU upon Joseph Chapman's resignation. He noted that Hanson comes with a strong understanding of the land-grant university system.

Coston reviewed the schedule for the day, encouraging SBARE members to participate in tour and program at Barry Hall prior to the President's pre-game social and football game.

Bob Bahm said he thought the Harvest Bowl events were very good and noted that SBARE's participation provides another avenue to educate people as to what research and Extension are doing to help the producers of the state.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson