

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education  
Minutes – October 22, 2010  
Fargo, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met in Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus in Fargo on October 22, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Members present were Bob Bahm, Mike Beltz, Chris Boerboom (for Duane Hauck), John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Dean Bresciani, D.C. Coston, Jerry Effertz, Doug Goehring, Ken Grafton, Rodney Howe, Doyle Johannes, Jerry Klein, Paul Langseth, Doyle Lentz, and JoAnn Rodenbiker.

SBARE chair Rodney Howe called the meeting to order and welcomed Mike Beltz and JoAnn Rodenbiker to their first SBARE meeting.

Howe updated board members on recent activities:

1. Attended the Ag Coalition meeting and reported that the Coalition was supportive of the SBARE priority list.
2. Has been in contact with the North Dakota University System Office about the proposed policy change regarding SBARE reporting and thanks Jerry Effertz for his efforts to convince system office personnel that a change is not necessary.
3. Presented the SBARE priority/needs list to the Office of Management and Budget on October 19.
4. There have been several meetings with legislators across the state over the past month and the message has been that agriculture is the economic indicator that pulls the rest of North Dakota.

Senator Jerry Klein reminded board members that there are many issues statewide that need attention, including the diversion, the health care plan, and Devils Lake, and he stressed that money is going to be tight.

D.C. Coston shared:

1. This is Dave Ruhland's first SBARE meeting as Agriculture Budget Director.
2. Copies of the 2009 general fund initiatives update.
3. Update on Harvest Bowl banquet and associated activities.
4. Coston and Boerboom visited with Senator Larry Robinson and Representatives Ralph Metcalf and Phil Mueller about SBARE priorities and they were complimentary of SBARE's efforts and very supportive.

Jerry Effertz questioned why bond paybacks were included on the budget sheets distributed by Coston and some discussion followed. It was recommended that Dave Ruhland work with Senator Klein to make sure everything is clear.

Ken Grafton's report included:

1. The geothermal work at the Langdon Research Extension Center is complete.
2. Renovation work is underway at both Minot and Williston.
3. Renovation contracts have been let at the Dickinson Research Extension Center.
4. A new pulse scientist, Dilrukshi Thavarajah, has begun her work in the Plant Sciences Department.
5. Kendall Swanson has joined the Animal Sciences Department.
6. Francois Marais has joined NDSU Plant Sciences Department as winter wheat breeder.
7. College enrollment has increased again this year thanks to efforts of Associate Dean Jim Venette.

Chris Boerboom updated SBARE as follows:

1. Several new Extension agents have begun work and several searches are underway.

2. The barbeque boot camp event held August 10 at Western 4-H Camp was successful. Plans for a new conference center were presented and discussed during the event.
3. After recently attending the North Central regional meeting of Extension directors and program leaders in Milwaukee, it is apparent that North Dakota is very fortunate to have the structure and support they do for Extension.
4. Ag lenders conferences are taking place across the state.

President Bresciani talked about his recent State of the University address, noting the competitive position NDSU is currently in. He said because of the economics, NDSU has a short window of opportunity that could put us on the national and global stage, citing the new greenhouse complex as an example.

Ken Grafton introduced three University Distinguished Professors, who each made a presentation to SBARE relating to the work they do. Bill Wilson, Agribusiness and Applied Economics, talked about risk and strategy in agribusiness; Neil Gudmestad, Plant Pathology, presented on his plant pathology research; and Larry Reynolds shared information on his work in the area of developmental programs in livestock production.

Rich Horsley has a term appointment as chair of the Plant Sciences Department. He presented an overview of the department and updated board members on personnel changes.

Greg Lardy, chair of the Animal Sciences Department, provided an overview of his department and talked about recent hires, challenges facing the department and perceived needs.

Board members took a break and toured the new greenhouse complex.

Following a lunch break Dwight Aakre, Extension farm management specialist, talked with SBARE about the land tax valuation model as it relates to the SBARE priority list.

Deb Gebeke, family and consumer sciences, reported on the Gearing Up for Kindergarten program and indicated she is working with the ND Department of Education in support of the initiative.

Sam Markell and Marcia McMullen, Extension plant pathologists, updated SBARE on IPM and explained how producers benefit by minimizing pest risk. Markell also talked about his research on blackleg in canola and thanked SBARE for their support of his research efforts.

John Bollingberg made a motion, seconded by Paul Langseth, to approve the minutes of the June 25 meeting as distributed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jerry Klein shared some thoughts about work with SBARE's funding request. He suggested contacting the chair of the joint ag committee and asking for an opportunity to meet with the committee to explain the SBARE priority process. Senator Klein offered to help coordinate a time for the meeting.

Chairman Howe reminded board members that it is critical that they all work to keep agriculture visible. Jerry Effertz suggested having a meeting when the Legislature convenes in conjunction with the traditional Ag Coalition Social/Reception.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.