

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education**  
**January 12, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

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*The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met for a special meeting by conference call on January 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Board members in attendance were Mike Beltz, Mark Birdsall, Tracy Boe, Chris Boerboom, Doug Goehring, Ken Grafton, Lance Gulleeson, Jerry Klein, Brian Leier, JoAnn Rodenbiker, Richard Roland, and Dean Wehri. Members Absent: Dean Bresciani, Tracy Boe, Keith Peltier, and Lyle Warner. Attendance was taken upon call check-in.*

Chairman Beltz called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Discussion focused on results of the voting that closed Friday, January 8, 2016. Members urged keeping a conservative outlook throughout the process going forward. Chairman Beltz asked the board to discuss the ‘cut’ line for Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) and Extension Service (EXT) from this rated list. Items above the line will become part of the initiatives; items below the cut line could possibly become one-time requests, not be pursued further, or become some other consideration.

**AES Priority Discussion**

Suggested cut lines were discussed. Motion was made by Dick Roland to draw the cut line at the score of 33 and above for the AES priorities, and Brian Leier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EXT Priority Discussion**

Members discussed concerns and opportunities related to the pollinator support request. Dr. Boerboom explained the “I-3” initiative ideas and how EXT might develop packaging their initiatives to include the listed items outside of the “I-3” package itself. Several single line items could perhaps be wrapped into components of the “I-3” initiative. FTEs could potentially stand alone or become part of the initiative.

Suggested cut lines were discussed. Motion was made by Mark Birdsall to draw the cut line at the score of 40 and above for the EXT priorities, and Lance Gulleeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by JoAnn Rodenbiker to charge Dr. Chris Boerboom and Dr. Ken Grafton with the development of initiative packages relative to their respective EXT and AES areas, and Lance Gulleeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Beltz stated that a paper ballot for the programmatic initiatives will be handled at the February 17 meeting. A capital projects discussion will follow the vote. The seed cleaning plants will remain on the ballot as noting a request for the remainder (residual amount) of the previous request – the amount previously not funded.

Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM.

*Minutes submitted by Lorie Herbel.*