

# State Board of Agricultural Research and Education

March 29, 2016

## MINUTES

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*The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met for a regular meeting at the North Dakota State Capitol Building on March 29, 2016 starting at 10:00 AM. Board members in attendance were Mike Beltz, Mark Birdsall, Tracy Boe, Chris Boerboom, Dean Bresciani, Tom Bodine for Doug Goehring, Ken Grafton, Lance Gulleason, Jerry Klein, Brian Leier, Keith Peltier, JoAnn Rodenbiker, Dick Roland, Lyle Warner, and Dean Wehri. Member Absent: Judge Barth.*

Chairman Beltz called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He welcomed everyone and invited the board and guests to make their introductions. A motion was made by Keith Peltier and seconded by Dick Roland to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on March 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Chairman Beltz thanked Leland 'Judge' Barth, on behalf of the SBARE, for his service to this board. Upon approval by the North Dakota University System (NDUS), Mr. Larry Hoffman will fill Barth's vacancy as of July 1, 2016. He added that Dick Roland was reappointed to the SBARE for another term, pending SBHE approval. The Governor's recommendations are expected in April, and Chairman Beltz will be in touch with members if a meeting is needed as a follow up.

### **Administrative Update from President Bresciani:**

NDSU is working on the allotment plans, and managing the adjustments that have occurred. Despite budget cuts, new research is up about 10% this year and faculty are finding resources to support their research. It was an exceptional year in giving to NDSU and this trend is likely to continue as the fiscal year nears its end.

### **Administrative Update for the ND Agricultural Experiment Station (AES):**

Dr. Ken Grafton indicated that a decision will soon be made regarding the Director hire for the North Central Research Extension Center. Last week in the Agribusiness and Applied Economics department there was a celebration for the CHS endowment given to support an endowed chair as well as the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies. Professor Bill Wilson was honored for his role in helping to bring this about and he was named the first CHS endowed chair. Chairman Beltz expressed congratulations to Dr. Wilson, on behalf of SBARE, for this achievement.

### **Administrative Update for the NDSU Extension Service (EXT):**

Dr. Chris Boerboom shared that the search for the Northeast District Director search will be extended. The Hettinger Livestock Specialist position interviews are scheduled to take place in April. The Extension Sheep Specialist position is anticipated to be filled in the very near future.

### **Discussion of Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) Programmatic Initiatives:**

Dr. Grafton explained the dollar figures attached to each programmatic initiative. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Keith Peltier and seconded by JoAnn Rodenbiker to cut the last two items on this list as they were ranked the lowest. After discussion, Chairman Beltz called for a vote. Motion carried with two opposed. A motion was made by Keith Peltier and seconded by Dean Wehri to approve the dollar figures as shown on the initiatives. Motion carried.

### **Discussion of Extension Service (EXT) Programmatic Initiatives:**

Dr. Boerboom explained the dollar figures attached to each programmatic initiative. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Dick Roland and seconded by Lyle Warner to approve the list as presented, along with the dollar figures as specified therein. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Capital Project Requests:**

Dr. Grafton explained the dollar figures attached to each capital project listed. The list closely resembles priorities listed last session. Discussion followed on how to present the list and how many items shall be included. A motion was made by Mark Birdsall and seconded by Brian Leier to bring forward the top five requests for consideration, placing the top three on the front page and the next two on the second page, as the SBARE priority list for capital projects. Motion carried.

**Discussion of One-time Requests:**

Dr. Grafton explained the dollar figures attached to each item. Discussion followed. NDAES Greenhouse utility expenses were previously requested, but not funded. Upcoming city assessments on the Fargo Main Station for road improvements planned for 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North are listed, but an exact amount is unknown at this time. Discussion moved to the process for making equipment requests. A motion was made by Keith Peltier and seconded by Dick Roland that the equipment request from the Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences department will be stricken from the list. Motion carried.

Chairman Beltz thanked the members of the Board for their dedication to the process over the last several months. He would touch base with everyone regarding a possible meeting between when the Governor's recommendations come out in April, and the regular summer SBARE meeting.

Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lorie Herbel.