

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education**  
**Minutes - December 17, 2001**  
**NDSU Alumni Center, Fargo, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the NDSU Alumni Center in Fargo, ND on December 17, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold, Keith Bjerke (for Joseph Chapman), Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Jerry Doan, Neal Fisher, Carol Goodman, Jody Hauge, Maynard Helgaas, George Heller, Patricia Jensen, Phil Mason (for Roger Johnson), Phillip Mueller, Ken Solberg, and Jim Venette.

Chairman Jerry Doan called the meeting to order. He reminded board members that SBARE associated expenses are reimbursable and vouchers should be submitted for expenditures. Minutes of the November 26, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed.

Patricia Jensen updated the board on several federal earmarks and noted the importance of leveraging federal and state funds. She introduced Catherine Logue, assistant professor of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, who briefed the board on current research and work related to the food safety initiative and summarized plans for future proposals and projects.

Douglas Freeman, chair of the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, reported to the board that proposals are also being prepared for submission to the Department of Defense requesting funds to work on projects related to bioterrorism.

Phillip Mueller made a motion that SBARE go on record in support of NDSU agriculture's efforts to secure federal funding for bioterrorism-related projects. Tom Archbold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jensen reported that new faculty positions in turf management and food safety will be funded. She also reported that references are being contacted for five applicants for the North Dakota agricultural experiment station director and a search committee is in place for the animal and range sciences department chair.

Todd Leake, representing the Dakota Resource Council, spoke to SBARE regarding genetically modified wheat and other seed stocks produced at NDSU and throughout the state. He expressed concerns and requested that SBARE give serious consideration to the issues related. Dakota Resource Council would like to remain engaged in future discussions and decisions.

Tim Bryan, SBARE crops subcommittee chair, stated the GMO issue is a very complicated one and SBARE and NDSU need to continue studying facts before making decisions.

Following a lunch break, the board reconvened. Tim Bryan reported that at the November 26 SBARE meeting, the crops subcommittee was asked to prepare a recommendation relative to the legislative language in SB 2021, supporting research on western malting barley research. After review of the subcommittee's recommendation, which addressed concerns with the project becoming an unfunded initiative, the need for researchers to leverage funds with matches, and suggestion that the Agricultural Research Fund barley granting committee be the mechanism for working out the details, Tim Bryan made a motion. He moved that SBARE approve transferring \$288,000 from the main experiment station to the ARF barley granting committee for purposes presented and to implement, and that the committee be encouraged to find outside matching funds. George Heller seconded the motion.

Rich Horsley, plant sciences professor and coordinator for the NDSU barley program, stated that the barley industry already provides a large amount of funding for barley research at NDSU and it would be difficult to ask for additional matching dollars from some of the current contributors.

John Mittleider, administrator for the North Dakota Barley Council, indicated that at this time the Barley Council is honoring past contracted commitments, but has no plans for funding additional research as new contracts have not been negotiated. He also noted that the barley research that was written in the legislation was not the same research that had been requested by the ND Barley Council during the legislative session.

Tom Archbold expressed concern with allocating funds to western barley research because that was not a priority for SBARE. Although Phillip Mueller agreed that transferring the funds creates a dilemma for SBARE, he recommended approval of allocating the funds for that research effort.

Keith Bjerke stressed the importance of SBARE's willingness to follow through with a legislative mandate.

Kenneth Solberg stated he hopes this is the last time there is an unfunded mandate and suggested that SBARE look to the State Board of Higher Education for "special projects" funding. He encouraged SBARE to continue their process of research prioritization and noted he would look for new funding for projects that seem appropriate and necessary.

The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Ryan Brooks asked SBARE to support a motion to allow a commitment of \$25,000 from BeefLine initiative to Southwest Feeders Project at Hettinger, based on SBARE livestock subcommittee's determination that enough funds are available to have a minimum two-year project. Tim Bryan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Duane Hauck invited SBARE members to a Value-Added Animal Agriculture Summit to be held January 16-17 at the Seven Seas Inn at Mandan.

Hauck also stated that feedlot education continues to get attention and those efforts are being addressed. Extension is looking at compiling feedlot school curricula, developing a curriculum focusing on feedlot management.

Hauck summarized a project proposal prepared to address problems associated with livestock waste in North Dakota and the region.

Sharon Anderson shared copies of "NDSU Agriculture Highlights" with board members and indicated that more than 2600 copies of the report were being shared with constituents and partners. She also noted:

- Marcus Jackson, extension forester has resigned effective the end of December.
- Extension has allocated \$170,000 in equipment to keep faculty and staff at the "cutting edge" of technology.
- January 12, 2002 is the date for the state conversation of the 4-H Centennial Year and President Joseph Chapman will be addressing the group. North Dakota is among the top states in volunteers for the Centennial.
- SBARE is encouraged to read the "A Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" report that was sent to board members and comments and/or feedback are welcome.

Duane Hauck reviewed the Field Agent Competency Plan with SBARE and updated them on progress to date.

Board members agreed to proceed with plans for a two-day session, inviting commodity/producer representatives to visit with SBARE regarding their priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson