

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - March 14, 2012
Conference Call - Fargo, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met via conference call at 7:45 a.m. on March 14, 2012. Members participating in the call were Robert Bahm, Mike Beltz, Chris Boerboom, John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Dean Bresciani, Bob Christman (for Doug Goehring), Ken Grafton, Rodney Howe, Jerry Klein, Paul Langseth, Doyle Lentz, Phil Mueller, and JoAnn Rodenbiker.

Chairman Howe called the meeting to order. Minutes of the March 2, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

Howe stated that during the March 2 SBARE meeting, JoAnn Rodenbiker made a motion to reconsider a previous motion supporting option B for the seed cleaning mills. The motion was seconded by Jerry Klein, but no vote followed. After Howe explained what had happened, JoAnn Rodenbiker said she wanted to withdraw that motion.

Howe reviewed the results of the AES capital improvement rankings, as approved at the March 2 SBARE meeting, and stated that he wanted to be sure that as SBARE moves forward, board members have a clear understanding of the project rankings.

Jerry Klein supported leaving the livestock initiative ranked as first priority, suggesting that as a good strategy.

Tom Borgen also indicated he would be in favor of leaving the list as ranked.

Paul Langseth said that he felt the March 2 vote may have been influenced by a rapid flow and that he would like to see the rankings the same as they were in the past years.

Bob Bahm said he would prefer the rankings be left as presented on March 2. He added that when seed cleaning plants are reviewed, he would prefer they be considered individually rather than as a bundled package.

John Bollingberg agreed that the rankings should remain. He stressed that he supports permanent seed cleaning mills.

Mike Beltz indicated he agrees with Paul Langseth and supports moving in that direction.

Rodney Howe expressed concern about how to explain the change in priorities to legislators when agronomy labs and seed cleaning mills were highest priorities last session.

Doyle Lentz reminded board members that the REC directors did not support the option that was offered to them for the seed cleaning mills.

Dean Bresciani said he was troubled by the long standing priorities being turned upside down and was concerned that priorities changed due to information not being thoroughly thought out.

Langseth reminded the board that the REC director's opinion does not change SBARE's approved option for the seed cleaning facilities.

Ken Grafton stated that there should be some degree of continuity of thought between legislative

sessions and noted that legislators asked SBARE to develop a plan for this next session and Paul Langseth did that. Grafton said there are some unique differences at the various research Extension centers, but they are not all that different. Grafton also told SBARE that there have been some conversations about the possibility of the North Central Research Extension Center moving, adding that investing in a permanent facility at the NC Research Extension Center might not be the wisest decision and best use of state dollars.

Paul Langseth made a motion, seconded by Mike Beltz, to reorder the capital project list as follows:

1. Agronomy Labs
2. Seed Cleaning Facilities
3. Livestock Improvement

Tom Borgen confirmed that Option B would still be the planned direction.

Jerry Klein stated that after hearing all the discussion, he still feels the ranking should be left as approved March 2.

Bob Bahm agreed that he would prefer the rankings stand.

Following a roll call vote (six in favor; five opposed), Langseth's motion was approved.

Chris Boerboom told board members that following the last SBARE meeting, additional discussions took place about the Extension capital improvement request. He asked that SBARE reconsider a modified, more conservative request including renovations and scaled updates to the existing 4-H campgrounds.

Chairman Rodney Howe indicated that Duane Hauck had explained to him that it would be difficult to secure the needed corporate support for the originally planned 4-H camp project.

Tom Borgen made a motion, seconded by Phil Mueller, to accept the modified Extension capital improvement request. The motion passed.

John Bollingberg reminded SBARE that it will be important to work with stakeholder groups throughout the coming months to present SBARE priorities and request their support.

Chairman Howe thanked board members for their time and reminded everyone once again of the importance of being unified in support of the SBARE budget priorities.

The conference call ended at 8:30 a.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson