

NORTH DAKOTA
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met for a regular meeting, along with Testimony/Input Sessions in Fargo, ND on November 14, 2019.

Members in Attendance: Jim Bahm, Doug Bichler, Mark Birdsall, Dean Bresciani, Lance Gulleson, Larry Hoffman, Jerry Klein, Greg Lardy, Brian Leier, Sarah Lovas, Dick Roland, Dean Wehri, and Julie Zikmund. Tom Bodine attended on behalf of Doug Goehring. Members Absent: Tracy Boe.

Chairman Birdsall called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He welcomed members and guests, and invited everyone in attendance to make introductions.

MOTION: Larry Hoffman made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes; President Bresciani seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Greg Lardy, Administrative Updates

- Several searches are underway; Dr. Lardy reported on the progress of each search.
- Web initiative is in progress. Contractors have been hired to improve the overall site, become more user-friendly.
- Hiring is also underway for county extension agent positions.

President Dean Bresciani, NDSU Updates

- NDSU is experiencing a decline in enrollment; a national trend for higher education.
- Freshman class enrollment has held steady.
- University of MN is our biggest competitor, offering significant financial incentives.
- NDSU launched its largest capital campaign, thus increasing student scholarships, faculty funding.
- Collaboration with President Wynne, UND in regards to research funding requests from the legislature. ND does not discern funding for research, which is typical in other states.

Mark Birdsall, SBARE Chair

The process for testimony as well as the timeline was reviewed. Each presentation is followed by an opportunity for questions, which is reserved for SBARE members. SBARE members received a binder, which included testimony schedules, option for note taking, and written testimony provided thus far.

Chairman Birdsall called on Keith Peltier to report on the search for the Vice President for Agriculture. A national search was conducted; four candidates selected. Interviews to be conducted during November and December. Chairman Birdsall encouraged SBARE members to attend and participate in the process.

Stakeholder Input

The following individuals, in order of appearance, talked about programs and initiatives important to them as part of the stakeholder and constituent input process:

- Brian Otteson – Agronomy Seed Farm
- Blaine Schatz – Carrington Research Extension Center
- Kevin Sedivec – Central Grasslands Research Extension Center
- Christopher Schauer – Hettinger Research Extension Center

- Randy Mehlhoff – Langdon Research Extension Center
- Dan Wogsland – ND Grain Growers Association
- Christopher Schauer – Dickinson Research Extension Center
- Shana Forster – North Central Research Extension Center
- Jerry Bergman – Williston Research Extension Center
- Tom Wheeler – Williston Research Extension Center Advisory Board
- Lynette Flage, Extension, Family and Community Wellness
- Brad Cogdill – Center for 4-H Youth Development
- William Nganje – Agribusiness and Applied Economics
- Kenneth Hellevang – Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
- Marc Bauer – Animal Sciences
- John McEvoy – Microbiological Sciences
- Jack Rasmussen – Plant Pathology
- Richard Horsley – Plant Sciences
- Brett Webb – Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

At the conclusion of the stakeholder input session, Chairman Birdsall asked if board members had any comments or questions.

Announcements

The next Testimony/Input Session is December 4 in Bismarck, ND. Discussion was held regarding a possible reception December 3; however, too many conflicts for that particular date.

Burleigh County Extension is hosting a lunch for Bismarck area legislators on November 26. SBARE members were encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Sarah Lovas, Vice Chair plans to attend the Farm Bureau Convention. It was noted the ND Farmers Union State Convention is December 13-14 in Bismarck. SBARE representation at such events is encouraged.

MOTION: Jerry Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Bahm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Breitbach