



Agricultural Research Stations Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

3pm-4:30pm

301 Ag Hall

Attendees: Francisco Arriaga, Amaya Atucha, Nancy Esser, Luiz Ferraretto, Brian Luck (via Zoom), Deena Patterson, Mike Peters, Jamie Reichert, Doug Reinemann, Mark Rickenbach, Doug Sabatke, Philip Townsend

Not present: Claudio Gratton, Erin Silva

Minutes by: Mike Peters

Attending as public meeting: None

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Brian Luck at 3:05 PM

Welcome and introductions

Brian Luck welcomed the committee and introductions were made.

Approval of October 27, 2022 meeting minutes

Jamie R. made a motion to approve the October 27, 2022, meeting minutes with no revisions. Deena Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes not in favor, and 0 votes abstaining.

ARS Director's report

Mike Peters provided the committee an update on happenings throughout the ARS network. Updates included:

- Information on the recent appropriation of funding from USDA ARS for the Marshfield Office Building.
- Status of the recovery from the Arlington Fire of June 2022.
- Recent happenings with the progress of the USDA ARS Germplasm building to be constructed at West Madison Station.
- Current progress on the plans for the construction of new facilities at the Dairy Forage Farm in Prairie du Sac.
- Information on the topics that will be covered during the ARS Superintendents Conference that will take place on January 18-19, 2023.
- Reminder to committee members that ARS is requesting the Project Information Request Forms be filed with station superintendents before February 1st. Please remind your departmental colleagues.

ARS Crop Chargeback Program Update

Mike Peters shared the current policy for the ARS Crop Chargeback Program. He mentioned that these fees have not been evaluated for over a decade. CALS is asking all programs in the

College to review their fee structures and update if necessary. Mike solicited feedback from the committee about the chargeback structure and how to update. Feedback included:

- Current program is more tailored to agronomic row crops. Need to adapt for emerging and horticultural crops.
- Consider developing base acre charge by station
- Is an Ala Carte fee structure by station a viable option?

Mike mentioned that the superintendent group will be discussing this topic at the superintendent's conference. Mike will collect feedback from the superintendents and report back to the committee next meeting. Mike reminded the committee that they will have time to review any new rate structures and will be asked to vote on the fee structure before it is implemented.

CALS updates

Mark R. provided some college updates:

- Associate Dean of Research interviews are completed. January 19 is final days for comments to be returned to the selection committee. Hope to have new ADR in place by this summer.
- College is advocating for USDA NIFA funds and funding for agricultural facilities to be available via competitive grants.
- The campus West District Innovation project is proceeding with planning to assist with West Campus Development. Greenhouses remain a priority in this project to ensure CALS has a robust greenhouse capacity available to its researchers.
- CALS Safety Coordinator applicant pool is currently being reviewed and hope to have hire made soon.
- Discussion provided about the outcomes of Rural Partnership Grant.

Louise Hemstead Leadership Award

Brian indicated that the ARS Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations for the Louise Hemstead Leadership Award and selecting the recipient. Brian asked for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to help with this selection process. Deena, Jamie, and Luiz agreed to assist. Brian will provide more information to the subcommittee later and schedule a meeting.

General questions & feedback

- The next meeting will be in April 2023. Mike will send Doodle Poll to select date.
- Send future agenda items to Brian Luck.

Adjourn

Jamie Reichert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Esser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 PM