



Agricultural Research Stations Committee Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023
2:45pm-4:00pm
250 Ag Hall

Attendees: Amaya Atucha, Nancy Esser (via Zoom), Brian Luck, Deena Patterson, Mike Peters, Jamie Reichert, Mark Rickenbach, Philip Townsend

Not present: Francisco Arriaga, Luiz Ferrareto, Claudio Gratton, Erin Silva, Doug Sabatke, Doug Reinemann

Minutes by: Mike Peters

Attending as public meeting: None

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Brian Luck at 2:49 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Brian Luck welcomed the committee and introductions were made.

Approval of January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes or amendments were suggested. Deena Patterson moved that the minutes should be approved as submitted. Amaya Atucha seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ARS Director's Report

Mike Peters provided a general report about the status of the research stations and their programing. The report included:

- Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training. With the departure of Tom Kohn from the CALS Safety Specialist role, Mike has asked Amber Walker and Deena Patterson to lead the College WPS training program. Amber and Deena have agreed to do this for spring 2023. Kelley Kula has been hired as the new safety specialist, but he will not start until May 5th. Kelley will take lead in the WPS training for 2024.
- Fire Recovery at the Arlington Station continues. Most of the equipment has been replaced. There is hope that the building will be replaced still in 2023, but it might be delayed until 2024.
- The recruitment to secure a replacement for Jason Cavadini as the Marshfield Assistant Superintendent has had a failed search. The job has been reposted and we hope to secure someone in the next search and screen process.
- The Hatch Intern positions have been filled. There will be one intern at Rhinelander, Marshfield, Arlington, and Peninsular. One spot remained vacant due to paucity of applicants. Mike will review the call for applications next year to see if there is a way to expand the applicant pool.
- Peninsular Station has been working to convert the station house to more of a temporary lodging option for station users.

- Design plans for the Dairy Forage Research Farm are advancing. Hopefully we will have 100% construction plans completed in 2023. Bidding for firms to construct buildings will be in 2024.

ARS Annual Report

Mike Peters mentioned that the ARS annual report was in Box for committee review. The committee briefly discussed the report and had no questions or concerns. Phil Townsend moved to accept the report as written. Amaya Atucha seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Crop Chargebacks

Mike Peters provided a brief update on the crop chargeback program of ARS. He indicated that the station superintendents were reviewing options and ARS is considering an ala carte charging model that was suggested in the previous committee meeting. Mike shared that no changes will be made to the chargeback program in 2023 or 2024 so faculty can appropriately plan grants. Mike hopes to have tentative plans to share with the committee in early 2024.

Dean Visit

Dean Glenda Gillaspy joined the meeting to share college updates and answer questions from the committee.

Adjourn

Phil Townsend made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amaya Atucha seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.