

**Hettinger Research Extension Center
Advisory Board Meeting- July 10, 2018**

Members present: Ashley Sabin, Cody Jorgenson, Wade Henderson, Torre Hovick, Jacki Christman, Curt Stanly, Jeremy Huether, Dustin Freitag and Sean Seamands. Guests present: Dean Wehri, SBARE Representative, Charlie Stoltenow, Tim Faller, Ken Grafton, Jim Gray and Greg Lardy. Staff present: Christopher Schauer, Ben Geaumont, Janna Kincheloe, Caleb Dalley, John Rickertsen and Cassie Dick.

Wade Henderson called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

Wade Henderson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Cody Jorgenson motioned to accept the minutes and Ashley Sabin seconded. The motion passes, no opposing.

Wade asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Request to move Ben Geaumont range and wildlife report to beginning of scientists reports, as he has a patch burning tour starting at 3:00 pm. Jeremy Huether motioned to accept change and agenda, Sean Seamands seconded. Motion passes, no opposing.

Chris Schauer introduced new board members: Jacki Christman- local farmer and rancher. Torre Hovick, NDSU Range Science.

Legislative/Research & Extension Update

Ken Grafton thanked the members of the advisory board, and spoke on the Governors recommendations for the state budget. Dean W reported that SBARE has completed their ranking for the state budget. He recommends getting more people into testify; need to be a louder voice for agriculture research and extension. Greg Lardy (new Extension Director) is learning the position and dealing with budget cuts. Jim Gray is working with counties to replace county agents; Adams, Grant and Bowman have vacancies. Charlie S spoke on website and improving the structure for better impact. In addition, we now have Extension representative in all RECs.

Director Report- Chris Schauer, handout provided.

Range & Wildlife Report- Ben Geaumont, handout provided.

Agronomy Report- John Rickertsen, handout provided.

Weed Science Report- Calen Dalley, handout provided.

Animal Science Report- Chris Schauer, handout provided.

Livestock Extension Specialist Report- Janna Kincheloe, handout provided.

Strategic Plan- 2015-2019 almost complete. We will work on putting something together for the next meeting for the next.

Open Discussion-

Jacki Christman asked about growth regulators? John R, will be more in the future, spread across different REC stations, all have different growing environments. John R also stated that precision ag using unarmed aircrafts (drones) will be more of a factor in the future and the Hettinger REC should not have troubles using that new technology, working with the local airport.

Winter meeting- TBA

Staff dismissed for executive session.