

New Mexico State University
Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari
Spring 2019 Advisory Committee Meeting
Abridged Minutes
(A 7-page set of unabridged minutes is available upon request)
April 16, 2019

Members Present

Phillip Box
Cooper Glover
Janet Griffiths
Justin Knight
Robert Lopez
Franklin McCasland
Marie Nava
Jim Norris
Sean Reagan
Cedar Rush
Staci Stanbrough

Members Not Present

Will Cantrell
Donald Carter
Calvin Downey
Paul Estrada
David Foote
Bill Humphries
Devin Kanapilly
Elmer Schuster
Tom Sidwell

Others Present

Jason Box
Patricia Cooksey
Murali Darapuneni
Glenn Duff
Leonard Lauriault
Steve Loring
Gasper Martinez

Call to Order and Introductions: The Tucumcari Advisory Committee met at the PowWow Restaurant and Lizard Lounge on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 7:00 AM. Leonard Lauriault called the meeting to order at 7:15 am at the request of Chairman Robert Lopez, who was running late. Leonard asked that everyone introduce themselves during which time Robert arrived.

Update of Committee Members: Leonard said that he had contacted everyone whose term was expiring about continuing on the committee. Calvin Downey, Bill Humphries, and David Foote decided to not renew and Staci Stanbrough has taken a position at NMML and will be leaving. Robert asked if anyone had any suggestions about who could replace them. Staci suggested Donald Walker as a replacement for her. Justin Knight suggested Jack Chatfield. Robert asked Leonard to contact them and see if they would be willing to serve.

Selection of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman: Justin Knight made a motion to keep Robert Lopez as Chairman and Franklin McCasland as the Vice Chairman. Cooper Glover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report from NMSU: Steve Loring, Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) reported that in the legislative session AES received an increase of \$264,800 annually for infrastructure operations and \$3million in Capital Outlay for renewal and repairs for all of the Agricultural Science Centers across the state. Additionally, House Bill 548 provides non-recurring funds for the Agricultural Science Centers, including \$50K for Tucumcari to purchase equipment, and the GO Bond passed to provide new infrastructure on-campus for the college. Finally, Natalie Goldberg, Interim Associate Dean, is stepping down and a search is ongoing for a replacement.

By-Laws: A draft of a revision of the proposed By-Laws is in the packet for the committee to review and hopefully approve today. Changes from the first draft included: Section B, Article 4 (the ASC will provide an ex-officio secretary to record and prepare meeting minutes) and Section A, Article 5 (non-renewal of terms of voting members who have not attended at least half of the regular meetings during their most recent term without excuse. Justin Knight motioned that the by-laws be accepted. Franklin McCasland seconded. Motion carried.

Bull Test Update: Leonard said that Marcy sent a report, but he failed to give it to Patty to include in the packet. He will email that to the committee.

Research updates: Leonard said the 2018 Annual Progress Report is included in the handouts and it was emailed out earlier to everyone who has an email address. If anyone had any questions on the report he will try to answer those at this time. Robert asked, “No questions?” Leonard said this year the report includes impact statements for each project. Steve Loring said impact statements are really important for telling our story. Leonard told them we also have a Facebook page up and running now.

Updates on Research Input from 2018 Winter Meeting: Murali responded to questions on the best type of fertilizer (liquid or dry) for specific types of irrigation system (furrow or sprinkler) and on the ideal strip-till depth. Leonard addressed a question on glyphosate and other herbicide resistant weeds. Regarding cotton production, Leonard said he had been trying to find contact information for John Neufeld. Cooper texted Leonard the contact information.

Franklin said we have several producers in the project who are going to plant hemp. He asked about the university’s position on hemp and doing some research. Steve Loring said the New Mexico Department of Agriculture had developed rules for production. We have the permission to do the research but the logistics are still being worked out and what we can do and cannot do is still being worked out. Those interested can go to nmda.nmsu.edu where they can find the rules and information about production. Leonard said there is a production session going on April 24th in Las Cruces for a registration fee.

Fall Advisory Committee Meeting: Leonard mentioned the need for a fall advisory committee meeting.

Approval of 2018 Fall Meeting Minutes: Robert asked if everyone had the opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting. Phillip made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cedar Rush seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements: The ASC hired a part-time employee beginning in January.

The Tucumcari Feed Efficiency Test, LLC has decided to hire their own part time person, but those are likely to be temporary. So Shane Jennings is still going to have to commit some time to that project just to make sure that those people are being trained properly and up to speed.

Patty’s retirement reception is Thursday, April 25th, from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Field Day is August 8th. Tom Sidwell, President of the New Mexico Cattle Growers, will be the keynote speaker. We also be introducing our new Associate Dean of the Experiment Station.

Regarding renaming the facility, Leonard just learned that the Board of Regents had approved renaming the facility, “Rex E. Kirksey Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari.” Pending Cyndie’s approval, announcing the new name and unveiling of the sign will become part of our Field Day event, so we are asking you to please keep it under your hat.

Marie Nava announced a new group called C.A.S.H. (Conversations about Soil Health) that will be meeting on June 25th with Murali as the speaker. She had flyers if anyone would like one.

Leonard mentioned some grants he and Murali are working on. Murali also thanked the members for letters of support for those grants because they prove that the project is of interest to stakeholders.

Robert asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Jim Norris made a motion to adjourn. Gasper seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.