

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Holiday Inn
Fargo, North Dakota
July 12, 2022**

A meeting of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota, on July 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cook at 2:45 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairman Mark Cook
Director Kelly Klosterman
Director Rick Anderson
Director Brian Orn
Secretary Kip Kovar

OTHERS PRESENT

A copy of the registration sheet is attached to these minutes as Annex I.

The meeting was recorded to assist with compilation of the minutes.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Director Klosterman to dispense with a reading of the April 7, 2022, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Orn. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

MCCLUSKY CANAL IRRIGATION UPDATE

Ryan Anderson, Engineer, Garrison Diversion, referred to the irrigation map included in the meeting materials which illustrates the irrigation projects for 2022. This year, approximately 700 acres will be added to the water service contract with the Bureau of Reclamation.

OAKES IRRIGATION RESEARCH SITE BUILDING UPDATE

Kip Kovar, Secretary, reported two meetings have been held with Craftwell, which is the architectural firm retained to develop plans and specifications for the building to be constructed at the Oakes Irrigation Research Site (OIRS). A markup of the building diagram was presented to the committee and reviewed.

Mr. Kovar said it is anticipated the plans and specifications will be completed this fall and then go out for bids. A revised print of the building diagram will be shared with NDSU when available. He reminded the committee Garrison Diversion's intent has been to construct an insulated building shell at the OIRS. NDSU would then finish the remainder of the building. The rough building dimensions are 120 feet by 60 feet.

Mike Ostlie, Director, NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center, stated arrangements are being made for temporary storage at the OIRS when the two current buildings are removed prior to construction.

NDSU LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Ostlie distributed and reviewed a list of draft talking points in regard to the OIRS. These talking points will be used in an effort to promote the site to the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) and explain the site's importance in order to obtain funding support for operating the site at the 2023 legislative session. A copy of the draft is attached to these minutes as Annex II.

Mr. Ostlie suggested representatives from NDSU and Garrison Diversion get together for a strategic planning meeting sometime between now and the legislative session. He will work on setting the meeting up.

FARM TO TABLE OUTREACH

Chairman Cook commented he added the Farm to Table Outreach topic to the agenda in an attempt to come up with ideas to promote agriculture due to the negative press it has been receiving around the country environmentally. He suggested working with the Public Relations Committee to develop a plan to inform the public where their food comes from and that farmers practice environmental safety. Possible ideas would be to go to classrooms, state fairs, etc. and get kids involved with agriculture.

Various ideas were brought forward such as working with the Soil Conservation Districts, Farm Bureau, Extension Service, Future Farmers of America, 4-H clubs and the State Agriculture Department.

Chairman Cook said he will start by reaching out to the State Agriculture Department.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

(SEAL)

Mark Cook, Chairman

Kip Kovar, Secretary

REGISTRATION

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Holiday Inn
Fargo, ND
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NAME	ADDRESS
Lisa Schuyler	GDCD
Mike Ostlie	CREC
Matt Sol	GDCD
Dwayne DeFrey	GDCD
Phil Allen	GDCD
Steve Anderson	GDCD
Ryan Anderson	GDCD
Brian Orr	GDCD
ALAN WALTER	GDCD - WARD Co
Greg Bischoff	GDCD - Berner
Mike Tweed	GDCD Eddy Co.
Ward Yensen	GDCD
Randy Ehlis	Reclamation
Merrin Merrin	GDCD
Phil Murphy	ND SOY BEAN GROWERS (NDSGA)
Kelly Klosterman	GDCD
Cliff Hammett	GDCD
Steve Meyer	GDCD - Foster Co.
Sp Kava	GDCD
Jeff Hruby	AEZS
Jesse Kist	AEZS

**Oakes Irrigation Research Site
Draft Talking Points**

1. The Oakes Irrigation Research Site benefits North Dakota and the surrounding region. (12)
 - a. The surrounding communities support the Oakes Irrigation Research Site.
 - b. Further support leverages funding to drive innovation for this region's agriculture.
 - c. Dryland production is an important component of its research goals, adding further value.

2. This enhancement generates localized decision tools for this region. (9)
 - a. Provides non-biased corn, soybean and dry bean research where it is most needed.
 - b. Map that shows research site locations.
 - c. Represents a high yielding southern environment for both dryland and irrigated acres.

3. The investment will provide instant impact. (6)
 - a. It is turn key ready.
 - b. The recent land expansion, new linear, new facilities and new equipment represent significant capabilities already in action.
 - c. This investment allows NDSU and area agriculture to address the region and the state's needs for decades.