

Minutes
North Dakota Organic Advisory Board
FARRMS/ICS Building
Medina North Dakota
June 8, 2011

Chairman Brad Brummond called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Advisory Board members present: Commissioner Doug Goehring, Brad Brummond, Christina Dockter, Kevin Kvamme, Jennifer Tesch, Grayson Hoberg, Britt Jacobson, Ernie Hoffert, Lowell Kaul, Anne Ongstad, Betsy Perkins and Karri Stroh representing Dennis Schill.

Advisory Board members absent: David Podoll, Keith Kadrmas, and Patrick Frank

Others present: Chuck Fleming, Marlene Ells, and Annie Carlson.

A quorum was declared.

A roundtable discussion was held with Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. A wide variety of topics were discussed. Goehring indicated that a new ag marketing position was approved by the Legislature. The plan is to have that person spend 25% of their time coordinating organic activities and 25% working to develop and promote small farm production agriculture programs. Addition duties would include working with all commodity groups and serving as liaison to the ND Tourism Division on agri-tourism activities.

The group recessed for lunch. Following lunch Chairman Brummond reconvened the Board and asked for approval of the draft agenda. There were no objections or additions.

Chuck Fleming gave an updated financial report. He reported expenditures for the period September 30, 2010 thru June 7, 2011 of \$4,721.89. Total expenditures for the 2009-11 biennium totaled \$21,106.89. The budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2011 is \$30,000. **Grayson Hoberg moved that the financial report be approved. Betsy Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Britt Jacobson moved that the minutes of the September 30, 2010 Board meeting as printed be approved. Seconded by Christina Dockter Motion carried.

Chuck Fleming indicated that Keith Kadrmas was not interested in re-appointment to the Board because of time restraints. Dennis Schill had recommended that the Executive Director of Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society replace him on the Board. Several names were discussed for the appointments that were up. All other board members had indicated that they would accept re-appointment. Commissioner Goehring will make the appointments effective July 1, 2011.

The group indicated a need to print a new brochure. Janet Jacobson was to get it into final form.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about a strategic plan. Janet Jacobson was to develop the plan based on the discussion held. Brad Brummond and Britt were to serve on a Committee to “tweak it”. It was hoped that the new ag marketing specialist would be on board to assist in that project.

Lowell Kaul indicated that a member of the 3 Affiliated Tribes who had accompanied him to South Dakota to look at a mobile slaughtering facility was expected to be at this meeting to indicate what interest their might be to purchase the unit. He was not present. Chuck Fleming indicated that NDDA would facilitate a meeting if enough people were interested in pursuing the project.

Nominations were open for Chair of the group for the upcoming year. Grayson Hoberg nominated Brad Brummond. Lowell Kaul seconded the nomination. Being no other nominations, **Anne Ongstad moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Brad Brummond. Motion was seconded by Kevin Kvamme. Motion carried and Brad Brummond was declared elected as Chair for a one year term.**

Nominations were open for Vice –Chair. Betsy Perkins nominated Britt Jacobson. Ernie Hoffert seconded the nomination. Being no other nominations, **Grayson Hoberg moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Britt Jacobson. Motion was seconded by Lowell Kaul. Motion carried and Britt Jacobson was declared elected as Vice- Chair for a one year term.**

Being no other business, Chairman Brummond declared the meeting adjourned.