

Board of Control
August 7, 2019

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Cottage at Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Fikrig, Hurlburt, Jones, Larson, Royer, and Ms. Maroney and Nichols. Messrs. Capone, Ferland, LaMondia, Last, and White were present by invitation.

Absent: None.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 1:09PM.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the minutes of the April 10, 2019, meeting were approved unanimously.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeffrey Capone reported on the Board's investment portfolio through June 30, 2019. No recommendations were made.

Telecommunication Silo – Lease Extension: Mr. Nic Ferland, representing the Board of Control's law firm of LeClair Ryan reviewed our lease extension agreement with Crown Castle (Crown Atlantic Company LLC) through February 28, 2074, for the telecommunication silo located at Lockwood Farm. The original lease was signed on February 4, 1998. Commissioner Hurlburt moved to approve the lease extension through 2/28/2074, seconded by Mr. Larson. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Agreements/Royalty Payments: The Experiment Station received \$93,301.50 in tobacco licensing and royalty fees in Fiscal Year 2019 from four (4) seed producers. Dr. LaMondia, Chief Scientist, Valley Laboratory in Windsor, explained the increase in tobacco seed in 2019. Commissioner Hurlburt moved to distribute royalty payments in compliance with the Station's policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously.

Dr. Andreadis reviewed recent correspondence and news articles.

Status of Building Projects:

- Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: The project is in the schematic design phase. Estimates are higher than the budget. Board members will meet with officials from DAS and OPM and begin the value engineering process.
- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Renovations: The project is ready to be released for bidding. Mr. Last will meet with DAS Deputy Commissioner Noel Petra to review the project timeline and budget.

- New Phone System/Virtual Servers: Mr. Last reported that project meetings have begun on the installation of a new agency-wide phone system. The cutover date for New Haven and Windsor is scheduled for October 16, 2019. The Station will also join the State Enterprise System relocating our files to the Groton Data Center. Daily backups will be to Springfield, MA.
- Farm House Renovations: Mr. Last notified the Board that the farm house located at Lockwood Farm is vacant. The house was built in 1870 and requires major updating and renovations. A proposal was put forward to utilize the house for exchange visitors. There were plans and estimates for 4, 5, and 6 bedroom options. The Board requested an option and price for demolition and new construction for the next Board meeting.

Update – J-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor Program): Mr. Last reported that the Station was approved for redesignation as a J-1 Visa sponsor for an additional two (2) years by the U.S. Department of State. The Station was also approved to increase the number of J-1 Exchange Visitors from five (5) annually to ten (10).

CAES Emeritus Status Policy: Dr. Andreadis presented an Emeritus Status Policy for the Station. Board members made suggestions to the proposed policy. Mr. Larson moved to approve the policy as amended, seconded by Ms. Nichols. The motion passed unanimously.

Emeritus Status – Dr. Chris Maier: Ms. Nichols moved that the Board approve emeritus status for Dr. Chris Maier consistent with the Board's new policy. The Board will provide, subject to availability, the facilities and support related to Dr. Maier's continued research and service to the residents of Connecticut. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reviewed staff changes since the last Board meeting in April.

Commissioner Hurlburt moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, personnel, and the Director's report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously at 3:14PM.

The Executive Session adjourned at 3:48PM.

Mr. Larson moved that the following promotions/increases be approved effective 8/16/2019:

Dr. Gale Ridge promoted from Assistant Agricultural Scientist II to Associate Agricultural Scientist.

Dr. Kimberly Stoner promoted from Associate Agricultural Scientist to Agricultural Scientist.

Ms. Angela Bransfield be moved to Salary Group ES 21/5.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hurlburt moved that the Director be awarded salary increases (COLA/PARS) consistent with the increases approved for Station managers by OPM and DAS. Dr. Andreadis has satisfactorily met his performance objectives. Dr. Fikrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Fikrig moved to continue the Director's authorization to commit and expend \$10,000.00 or less without prior approval from the Board of Control. Expenditures will be reported at the quarterly Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Larson moved that the Public Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously at 3:55PM.

Plant Science Day 2019: 973 people.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary