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**SB 2021**

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Minutes:

Senator Nething, Chair of Senate Appropriations Committee, opened the hearing on SB2021 at 11:15 a.m., Thursday, January 4, 2001. SB2021 includes the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI), NDSU Main Research Station, Research Stations located throughout the state, NDSU Extension (EXT), and the Northern Crops Institute (NCI).

Dennis McLeod, Advisory Council Chairman, UGPTI, testified in support of the Institute (copy of written testimony is attached).

Gene Griffin, Director of NCI, presented documentation regarding the Institute (copy of the written testimony is attached).

Senator Solberg: Who uses this shuttle train service?

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Director Griffin: Couple of cities -- one in Cass, and city of Minot; some manufacturers are now reviewing the data/process.

Senator Solberg: Are commodity groups looking?

Director Griffin: The Wheat Commission has, as have others.

Dennis McCloud: Most commodity groups are railroad users; Bobcat at Gwinner is among users; working with Burlington Northern. They've done one study, encouragement coming -- soybeans grown in a particular area are shipped out by containers; and need to be routed through Dilworth- it is congested..

Senator Solberg: We ship soybeans to Japan via Minneapolis then to West Coast...appears to add cost to every 100 pounds plus cost of covered containers.

Dennis McCloud: From the railroad perspective it is logical to route through Minneapolis, for they bring back activity --- and time is of the essence -- international facilities are in ND.

Senator Nething: Will your program solve this unusual traffic situation?

Dennis McCloud: We believe it would. Surveys indicate that within 5 years, expansion of businesses will be stalled if not available.

Senator Thane: Are some beans going directly to Japan - not through Minneapolis?

Dennis McCloud: Cass County and Wahpeton load out of Dilworth, others to Minneapolis; it depends on whose containers are used. Facility serves approximately 100 mile radius -- all product going in containers.

Senator Tomac: What percent goes through Canada?

Dennis McCloud: It was in our survey -- not sure how much, but losing some.

Senator Nething: Decision of shipment method due in part to the entity

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Dennis McCloud: Probably determined because of where containers are made empty. Volume of shipment(s) involved has some impact.

Senator Grindberg: Now that China has joined in world trade -- have they made an impact?

Dennis McCloud: Perhaps, inter modal is a small part of total marketing; if farmers are to get added dollars, they need to get in.

Senator Nething: You spoke of 100 thousand general funds being supported/recommended by Governor Hoeven...page 2, lines 6-13 of SB2021 --- I don't see it? Additional?

Director Griffin: Just heard of the concurrence this morning.

Senator Nething: No decision has been made regarding line items- if separate, regarding block granting...do you consider it an advantage one way or another?

Director Griffin: General funding has been flexible, gives leverage for matching; we are comfortable as it is now.

Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, testified in full support of proposed UGPTI proposal (copy of printed testimony is attached).

Senator Nething: Offering the testimony as an individual, or on behalf of the Commission?

Jon Mielke, On behalf of the Commission.

Neal Fisher, Administrator of the North Dakota Wheat Commission, testified in support of UGPTI.

Keith Brandt, Manager of the Enderlin Elevator and Vice Chairman of the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, testified in support of UGPTI.. Elevator and Grain Dealers Association are supportive of the shuttle train, like the data received (through weekly input by the various elevator managers throughout the region/state: knowing how we ship and where we ship to.

Senator Nething: Hearing on SB2021 is recessed until 1:30 p.m. today.

Senator Nething reconvened the hearing of SB2021 at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 4.

Pat Jensen, Vice President, Dean, Director for Agricultural Affairs, North Dakota State University presented an overview of the budget request(s) for College of Agriculture, Main Station, outlying Research Stations, NDSU Extension Service, and the Northern Crops Institute (copy of the Biennial Budget documents attached). She introduced Jerry Doan, Chair of the State Board of Agriculture Research and Education (SBARE), Cole Gustafson, Associate Dean, Research, Agriculture Experiment Station, and Sharon Anderson, Director, NDSU Extension Service. She indicated a "team approach" of presenting the budget.

Jerry Doan, Chair of SBARE, spoke of the history of the board, its responsibilities, the needs and requests of the agriculture/extension of this budget. There is a need for commitment -- to do their jobs, to be successful, we need to consider priorities -- and six of the ones the Board considers very important and would like to acted upon are: 1) restore cuts; core budget; address lack of graduate students, review the motor pool -- having to use -- costly, hard to adjust budgets; having beef quality assurance, and 6) providing funds for the 10 initiatives ( page 45). The SBARE has worked hard, have 4 sub committees working on various areas of the budget: long-range planning, cooperation with other institutions, technology etc.

Senator Tallackson: Thought about your part in public relations? Assuring that the meat is okay - the crops etc.?

Chairman Doan: Not satisfied entirely, ongoing discussions.

Senator Solberg: Board looking at carry over dollars--extend that? Can/will be a step getting away from production ag? Who controls what? How is that done?

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Chairman Doan: Totally in hands of SBARE; we welcome input but the buck stops with the Board. Complete control of all budgets under SB2021.

Cole Gustafson, Associate Dean, Research, AES and Sharon Anderson, Director, NDSU Extension Service presented their respective budgets (documentation contained in the Biennial Budget book attached).

Marlene Kouba, Chair of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee, presented testimony (written copy is attached) in support of the NDSU Extension Service. The ND State Soil Conservation Committee has been within the Extension budget for several years.

Senator Tallackson: Have you combined some soil conservation districts?

Chair Kouba: Yes, we have signed agreements in Walsh County, combining 2; and are in the process of reviewing additional combinations.

Shane Goettle, NDSU graduate in agriculture and currently practicing law in Minot, ND testified in support of the NDSU Extension Service, in particular the 4-H program. He is currently serving as chair of the ND 4-H Foundation.

Senator Bowman: Question directed to Associate Dean Gustafson: What is the marketing structure of today? Is there a bigger future in marketing as producers --- fewer buyers involved making global purchases --- do we need to be more competitive, use different marketing techniques?

Associate Dean Gustafson: The Agricultural Research Fund booklet (copy attached) indicates some of the initiatives we have completed or are in the process of collecting data--helps us to identify needs.

Director Anderson: The entrepreneurial program helps understand marketing; we have been focusing some effort there.

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Senator Solberg: Covered the Main Station's recent flood damage?

Associate Dean Gustafson: We have documented an estimated 20 million loss to FEMA; FEMA denied any reimbursement, due primarily because we could not verify that we would have to make repayment to agencies/businesses who had provided the research funding.

Senator Solberg: Estimate on the time lost? Is it tough to gage?

Associate Dean Gustafson: Yes, very tough. We do have some graduate students around who are trying to recoup data. We've put it all behind us, moving forward.

Senator Tallackson: How is the cooperation among Extension, College, Soil Conservation, Branch Stations? Working well, not so well?

Director Anderson: It is excellent. Local areas are positive, specialist are involved with Soil Conservation...the partnership continues to get better.

No additional testimony time requested.

Timothy C. Faller, Director of the Hettinger Research Extension Center, presented testimony in support of SB2021, and in particular the Hettinger Center (copy of testimony is attached).

Paul E. Nyren, Director, Central Grasslands Research Extension Center, presented testimony in support of SB2021, and in particular the Central Grasslands Center (copy of testimony is attached).



Jay Fisher, Director of the Minot Research Extension Center, presented testimony in support of SB2021, and in particular the Minot Center. He emphasized the video conferencing now being done, and continual working on continuing education courses at all levels. Values continued support.

Blaine Schatz, Director of the Carrington Research Extension Center. The Center appreciates the support and the appreciation of core programs, enjoys flexibility--having the ability to improve things, act quickly when responding to crisis; it will add strength of base to operation. The staff has continued to work with improved crop varieties provided by researchers at NDSU .

Kris Ringwall, Director of the Dickinson Research Station, presented testimony concerning the Station's activities; requested continued support for SB2021, in particular the Dickinson Center (copy of testimony is attached -- showing the theme:"it's about people."

Jerald W. Bergman, Director, Williston Research Extension Center, presented testimony regarding SB2021, and in particular the Williston Center (copy of testimony is attached).

Randy Malup, Director, Langdon Research Extension Center (LREC), presented documentation regarding the Center's budget, activities (copy of written testimony attached).

