

CR AG Advisory Committee Meeting 5/8/13

Minutes

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Conference Room. Those present were: Noah Corp, Julie Houtby, Jennie Mullen, Franz Rulofson, Janet Sclar, Katherine Ziemer and Jared Zystro.

Minutes were discussed and amended to read a 2 Million not \$2 deficit. They were approved as amended. The October 25th meeting was discussed and it was recommended that next year we all sit together at dinner and start our meeting then.

Katherine Ziemer agreed to serve as Chairperson and Janet Sclar as Vice-chair until next October when new members will have joined the committee. Franz will serve as the recorder for the committee.

Seven names were discussed as potential new members. They will be contacted over the next several weeks to see if they are interested. The individuals were: Kelly Victorine. Travis Victorine, Kevin Cunningham, Joe Renner, Kathy Harden, Sandy Hanks, and Melanie Satterlee.

Franz discussed how the CR Plant Sale was a big success. This was Donna Brinks last year working in the greenhouse. Noah Corp and Franz Rulofson will now be responsible for the greenhouse. Franz has requested a replacement position but there is little money at CR for replacement positions. He has also requested work study students to help as well. Those allocations will be made in June.

The farm budget has been shrinking and will probably be less next year. The committee recommended that the farm revenue be placed in a foundation account and that CR budget for the manager's salary and benefits, utilities (PG&E, propane, telephone) and fuel. The remaining items would be funded through the foundation account. Mr. Corp talked about the new sheep and chicken enterprises. There is also an exciting new wheat trial at the CR farm this year as well. There will be a field day in September to highlight all the good things that are happening at the farm. The committee is very concerned with the lack of accountability with the CalTrans grant. Members expressed concerns with the inability of the farm to make improvements.

Franz and Katherine will be submitting a grant request to the Lytel Foundation for help with the installation of the livestock handling facility at CR. Perkins funds were also discussed. The priority this year for funds is for the livestock handling and poultry processing equipment. Roughly \$21,200 is being requested.

The agriculture program has added a new certificate of recognition. This is a 17 unit certificate for students who want some training prior to entering the workforce. Enrollment in the AG program courses was up in spring as compared to the past. This is partly due to the reorganization of the AG degrees. Every AG class will now be offered at least once per year. This

will help with the number of student completers. In the past, many of the AG courses were offered once every other year.

Jennie Mullen reported on activities of the CR AG Leaders club. Activities this year included: weekly farmers markets at CR during the fall, Christmas tree sale, CR AG Field day, Spring CATA meeting and FFA competition, ski trip, high school recruitment, and end of the year BBQ. Possible donors for the Field Day were discussed. The Logging Conference may sponsor the forestry contest, other contest sponsors may include Ag Credit, milk advisory board, and Safeway.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.