

Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2024 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority

The OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority convened a regular meeting at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 in the Dean's Conference Room, McElroy Hall, OSU College of Veterinary Medicine, 115 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Oklahoma Secretary of State consistent with the open meetings guidelines, and the agenda was posted at 115 McElroy Hall prior to the meeting in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

I. Call to Order, Acknowledgement of Meeting Filing and Establishment of a Quorum

Blayne Arthur, Chair of the Authority, called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

PRESENT: Blayne Arthur, Joe Hall, Carlos Risco, Richard Prather, L.D. Barker, Troy Shelby, Jim Hess

ABSENT: Phil Wood

II. Acknowledgement of Reappointment of Authority Member Phil Wood to a Three-Year Term

Chair Arthur acknowledged the reappointment of Phil Wood and expressed appreciation for his service to the Authority.

III. Recognition and Acknowledgement of the Contributions of Representative Kevin Wallace to the Establishment and Support of the OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority

Chair Arthur recognized Representative Wallace and turned the floor over to Dr. Hess. Dr. Hess expressed his appreciation to Representative Wallace and introduced President Johnny Stephens for the presentation of the Pistol Pete Award. President Stephens presented the award and gave some highlights from Representative Wallace's career in the legislature. He has been a champion of OSU Veterinary Medicine and a leader in creating the OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority. He was one of the authors of the Legacy Capital Financing Fund which is used for capital projects.

IV. Discussion and Possible Vote for the Approval of Minutes of the February 29, 2024 Meeting of the Authority

Chair Arthur asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 29, 2024 Authority meeting.

Motion to approve the February 29, 2024 minutes was made by Joe Hall, and seconded by L. D. Barker.

AYES – Arthur, Hall, Risco, Prather, Barker and Shelby

NAYS – None

Chair Arthur introduced Representative Toni Hasenbeck who had just joined the meeting. Representative Hasenbeck said she grew up as the daughter of a veterinarian so she has first-hand knowledge of Veterinary Medicine in rural Oklahoma.

V. Report and Overview of College of Veterinary Medicine Status – Dean Carlos Risco

a. Status and update report on the College of Veterinary Medicine

Dean Risco reported the American Veterinary Medical Association completed their accreditation site visit in April. Eleven standards were evaluated and items that need correction were noted in the report. The College began to address the major deficiencies. They prepared and submitted a report with actions taken to alleviate the issues. On August 1st, they will submit another report with additional actions. On September 24, the AVMA accreditation team will meet again to adjudicate the status and finalize their decision. The College should be notified of their decision by October.

The Class of 2024 graduated 105 students. The Class of 2028 has 106 students. 48 students are from out of state and 58 are from Oklahoma.

The Authority members asked how many of the in-state students come from communities of 25,000 or less. Dean Risco will check on those statistics and provide his findings to the Authority.

b. Update on planning and design of capital improvement project – Phil Thomas

Dr. Hess introduced all of the guests in attendance and welcomed them to the meeting before introducing Phil Thomas for an update on the planning and design of the capital improvement project.

Phil presented a power point presentation (attached). The project team has conducted many interviews with the Dean and faculty members to get their viewpoint and goals. The team also plans to tour Kansas State University and Colorado State University veterinary facilities. They will present their observations and findings after the tours.

For the renovation of the Vet Med Teaching Hospital two scenarios are possible. Scenario 1 would repurpose the existing facility and expand to the West. This would add 11,000 square feet. Scenario 2 would repurpose the existing facility and expand to the North. The Motor Pool, currently occupying the space to the North, will be relocated to a new facility within the next 18 months. This scenario would add 50,000 square feet.

The Vet Med Ranch will require major utility infrastructure improvements and expansion. The plan will be to utilize the existing space during the renovation so there will be no disruption of services.

Dr. Prather asked Dean Risco what methods might be explored to increase the number of Animal Science graduates being admitted to the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dean Risco acknowledged that the relationship with Animal Science is extremely important and he and Dean Lusk would be collaborating to more fully leverage the relationship.

VI. Chief Executive Officer's Report and Possible Action Items

a. Discussion and report on legislative appropriations and additional capital funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

Dr. Hess presented the Budget Report for FY 2024-2025 (attached). He reported that this legislative year was successful. The FY 2025 Operational Support of \$14,722,000 is almost double the normal state appropriation. In addition, the legislature approved \$20,000,000 for the OADDL renovation. In accordance with both Authority and University policy and practice,

the \$20,000,000 will need to be transferred to the University when received as evidence of funding to begin the planning and renovation process.

- b. Discussion and possible vote for the approval of the FY 2024-2025 budget, including authorization for the transfer of funds to the College of Veterinary Medicine and/or University as outlined in the budget.

Dr. Hess also referred to the Capital Allocation amount of \$79,000,000. After the conclusion of the Long-Range Planning presentation, it is obvious the needs for updating the Teaching Hospital and Ranch will exceed \$79,000,000. In previous meetings, Authority members approved transfers totaling \$4,470,141 to purchase equipment and make other renovations.

Joe Hall made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented including all necessary funds transfers to the University as appropriations are received and to rescind the prior transfers totaling \$4,470,141.

The motion was seconded by Richard Prather.

AYES: Arthur, Hall, Risco, Prather, Barker and Shelby

NAYS: None

- c. Discussion and possible vote for the adoption of scholarship guidelines pursuant to HB 3196.

The legislature approved \$600,000 for the Lee Denney Scholarship and loan forgiveness bill which will be used to encourage Vet Med students to become large animal veterinarians in rural communities in Oklahoma. The signing of HB 3196 will be held in the State Capitol on July 31st at 9:00am.

- d. Discussion and possible vote for the adoption of loan forgiveness guidelines pursuant to HB 3196.

Members of the Authority will approve recipients of scholarships and loan forgiveness. They can make any adjustments needed to the guidelines.

Richard Prather made a motion to adopt the scholarship and loan forgiveness guidelines. Troy Shelby seconded the motion.

AYES: Arthur, Hall, Risco, Prather, Barker, and Shelby

NAYS: None

- e. Financial Report for the Animal Teaching Hospital including accruals for Authority funding – Kristi Howey

Dr. Hess introduced Kristi Howey to present the Financial Report. Ms. Howey summarized the report explaining the current budgeted revenues and expenditures. One of the reasons for the increase in spending in the Fund Balance account is part of their Career Development Plan to raise Vet Tech salaries to be more competitive in the current market.

Adjournment

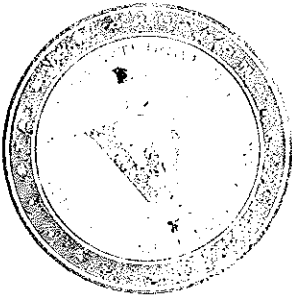
Chair Arthur asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Motion to adjourn made by L. D. Barker, seconded by Troy Shelby. Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.

AYES: Arthur, Hall, Risco, Prather, Barker, and Shelby

NAYS: None

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Richard Prather, Secretary