

## Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2024 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority

The OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority convened a regular meeting at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 15, 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

Joe Hall, Vice Chair of the Authority, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. A quorum was established.

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

ABSENT: Blayne Arthur

### II. Discussion and Possible Vote for the Approval of Minutes of the July 16, 2024 Meeting of the Authority

Vice Chair Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the July 16, 2024 Authority meeting.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2024 minutes was made by Troy Shelby, and seconded by Richard Prather.

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

NAYS – None

### III. 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 presented a power point presentation. There are currently 6 new faculty positions posted and 8 faculty positions pending. The faculty will be career track with teaching and clinical responsibilities. Current faculty have been a crucial part of recruiting efforts. In order to be competitive with other Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, compensation will have to be competitive.

The architectural conceptual design for the Capital Improvement Project is being fine-tuned and will be presented to the Authority as soon as it is available.

Dean Risco shared statistics for toxicology testing at the OADDL with a list of equipment and personnel needed to improve the testing capability in the lab. A possible solution to expedite the process would be for the Center for Health Sciences' Toxicology Department to help. CHS has two toxicologists and the equipment needed for some of the tests. More equipment can be purchased and a veterinary toxicologist added in the near future if the goal is to bring the lab back to a full-service testing laboratory.

Vice Chair Hall asked Dr. Hess how the \$20,000,000 for the OADDL is allocated. The amounts currently allocated are \$15,000,000 for renovation and \$5,000,000 for equipment.

#### IV. Chief Executive Officer's Report and Possible Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible vote for the approval of meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as required by the Open Meeting Act. Upon approval, these dates will be filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State.

Dr. Hess presented the dates for the OSUVMA quarterly meetings for 2025. He noted that we can schedule special meetings if needed.

Motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates was made by Phil Wood and seconded by Dean Risco.

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

NAYS: None

- b. Discussion and possible vote for the approval of Scholarships and Loan Forgiveness awards pursuant to House Bill 3196. Proposed actions include payment for scholarships for third year and fourth year Veterinary Medicine students and reserving loan forgiveness awards for practice in rural communities.

Dr. Hess introduced Dr. Rosslyn Biggs and thanked her for her help and quick response in obtaining applications. Dr. Biggs presented a power point starting with the new website made specifically for the Rural Vet Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Program. The website is tied to the home page for easy access. It will serve as a tool for recruiting students and providing pertinent information for the program.

Class of 2025 – 5 (4<sup>th</sup> year) students were selected for scholarships and loan forgiveness.

Class of 2026 – 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> year) students were selected for scholarships and loan forgiveness

There are more applicants who would benefit from financial help. The next potential program would be to work on low interest loans to help new graduates set up clinics in rural areas. This would require expansion of the USDA program designed for other healthcare providers to include rural veterinarians.

Lloyd Barker made a motion to approve the Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness awards. Richard Prather seconded the motion.

AYES: Hall, Risco, Prather, Barker, Wood

ABSTAIN: Shelby

NAYS: None

- c. Discussion and possible vote for the approval of transfer of funds from the Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority OSU Veterinary Medicine fund to Oklahoma State University in the amount of \$174,129.30 for the payment of architectural/construction design fees related to the renovation of the animal teaching hospital. Authorization is also requested to transfer any additional funds

needed for the payment of architectural/construction design fees between October 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025, not to exceed \$350,000. All payments made under this authorization will be reported to the Authority at the next meeting.

Dr. Hess asked the Authority for approval of the transfer of funds in the amount of \$174,129.30 for the payment of design fees related to the renovation of the animal teaching hospital.

Future payments could accumulate before the next meeting. Dr. Hess asked to be authorized to approve up to \$350,000 for any payments due between October 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025. He will report all expenditures to the Authority members as they occur.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$174,129.30 and authorization of payments up to \$350,000 between October 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 was made by Phil Wood and seconded by Richard Prather.

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

NAYS: None

- d. Report item (no action needed) – a request has been made to the Facilities Committee of the OSU Board of Regents to expand the scope of work and services of the current architectural and construction management firms to include the renovation of the OADDL.

Dr. Hess reported that a request has been made to the Facilities Committee of the OSU Board of Regents to expand the scope of work of the architectural firm and construction management firm to include the renovation of the OADDL along with their current projects. Using their work and services will be cost effective and allow the project to begin at an earlier date.

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

Dr. Hess referred to Kristi Howey's financial report for the Animal Teaching Hospital. The figures show that they are on track to meet their annual budget.

Dr. Hess presented the financial report for the OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority. The Operational Support funds are distributed in 1/12<sup>th</sup> increments and will fund faculty positions.

Debt Service Allocation of \$3,950,000 has been encumbered to repay the \$79,000,000 in capital funds for the Teaching Hospital.

Scholarship/Loan Forgiveness Support is the \$600,000 provided through HB 3196. Awards will be given following approval by the OSU Vet Med Authority on 10/15/24.

Capital Appropriations for OADDL is the \$20,000,000 which was transferred to the University pursuant to previous Authority action in the approval of the 2024-2025 budget.

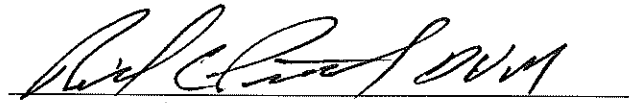
Capital Appropriations for the Teaching Hospital shows the encumbrance of \$174,129.30 pending Authority action at the 10/15/24 meeting to be transferred from funds held by OCIA.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair Hall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Troy Shelby, seconded by Richard Prather. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Prather", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Prather, Secretary

