

Meeting Minutes –

Review of 2013/14 NCAC6 – Livestock Production Proposals and Reports

January 31, 2014

Attendees\*: Larry Berger, Chair; Alan Mathew; Joseph Cassady; Dan Schaefer; Greg Lardy; Maynard Hogberg; Janice Swanson; Ken Odde; Ron Kensinger; Mike White; Vikram Mistry; Tom McFadden, Secretary; Don Marshall, Administrative Advisor

\*Note: Due to weather-related travel disruption several members attended by telephone conference call.

Members present in Atlanta were joined by those phoning in and the meeting was called to order.

Project proposals/reports were discussed individually and voted on, as recorded below:

NC\_temp229 – Dr. Odde summarized his comments on the project noting it includes a large group that has had excellent productivity. The group is focused on swine health issues that are timely and relevant, such as PRRS and emerging viral diseases. The proposal was well written and was recommended for approval without revision. Odde made such motion, Dr. Hogberg commented that the group has added a focus on genetics, which is commendable; Hogberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NC\_temp1181 – Dr. Schaefer summarized his comments on the project noting it is focused on applied beef production and novel use of feedstuffs such as corn stover. The proposal included four objectives, of which 1, 2 and 4 were considered strong but objective 3 was in need of revision. Schaefer recommended approval with minor revisions as noted and so moved; Dr. White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NC1182 – addresses nitrogen recycling – discussion was postponed as the submission is expected May 1.

NCCC\_temp42 - Dr. McFadden summarized his comments on the project noting this has been a very productive committee that has collaborated well and has effective links to industry and stakeholders and represent most swine nutritionists in this region. He also noted that the objectives are rather vague although it was argued this is intentional to enable timely, industry-relevant studies. It was suggested that the group should include some detail of the year 1 objectives and strengthen the section on impacts. Dr. Kensinger added that this group includes most of the swine nutritionists in the region. McFadden recommended approval with revisions as noted, and so moved. Dr. Swanson seconded and it passed unanimously.

NCCC\_temp210 – Dr. White summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses regulation of adipose tissue in meat animals, that its main clientele is other scientists and that it is an excellent group that has proposed to develop more collaborations and co-authorships. White recommended approval/continuation, and so moved. Dr. Matthew seconded and it passed unanimously.

NCERA\_temp57 – Dr. Cassady summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses swine reproductive physiology, that he was very impressed with the proposal in that it addressed industry needs and had strong objectives; overall it is a very good proposal. Dr. Schaefer added his general agreement and noted that in the minutes from this group's past meetings were recorded compliments from its Administrative Advisor every year. Cassady recommended approval without revision, and so moved. Dr. Schaefer seconded and it passed unanimously.

NCERA\_temp214 – Dr. Kensinger summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses efficiency of sheep production with the main focus on nutrition x genetics interaction. The proposal was relatively well written, the group includes national membership, with many members holding Extension appointments. Ron noted: 1) there was some ambiguity on sheep genetics and breeds but it was perhaps justifiable; 2) it was not indicated whether Dubois ARS is involved – they should be; 3) greater interaction of this group with industry is encouraged. Kensinger recommended approval with revisions as noted, and so moved. Discussion followed: Odde indicated Dubois has been involved in the past; Cassady agreed there has been some involvement and Schaefer agreed. Some discussion that the future of Dubois as a sheep station may be uncertain. Cassady noted that with so few people active in this area the group is necessarily multidisciplinary and he commended that. With no further discussion, Cassady seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NC1029 – Dr. Swanson summarized her comments on the project noting it addresses applied animal behavior and welfare, covers many species and has diverse, nation-wide membership, uses novel techniques, and assesses welfare in addition to behavior. The group has made excellent progress, has established good linkages, and is well funded but should detail that in their report. Overall, it was judged excellent, with the suggestion to include more detailed and more clearly explained information, including details on tech transfer. Dr. Mistry agreed with her comments. Dr. Swanson recommended approval/continuation with normal revisions as noted, and so moved. Dr. Berger questioned whether the group works on beta-agonists in feedlot cattle; Dr. Swanson did not believe so; Dr. Odde indicated member Dr. Hulbert did so. Dr. Mistry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NC1192 – Dr. Berger summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses bovine respiratory diseases, through 6 objectives that span from molecular to translational. The group has wide membership that has active and collaborative communications, holds a regular symposium on alternate years and conducts impact surveys there. They have developed diagnostic tools and strong linkages; the group has published ~40 papers and received NIFA funding. This is a very strong committee that is good to excellent in all respects. Dr. Odde added that their link to the BRD Cap grant is good, that their minutes indicate a period of lower than normal attendance at meetings but that has since improved, and that he supported Dr. Berger's comments. Berger recommended approval and so moved. Odde seconded and it passed unanimously.

NCERA218 – Dr. Lardy summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses beef cow-calf management but unfortunately has apparently been inactive with no reports or data uploaded since its start in 2011. Lardy recommended that Don Marshall should contact the committee with a deadline to upload reports within 60 days and show reason the committee can succeed or else it should be

terminated. Discussion followed: Dr. Mistry noted Dr. Scholl is the Admin Advisor and he has made the same recommendation – to place on probation and terminate if no improvement. Dr. Odde questioned who is chair or leader, noted that there was a rewrite in 2006 and it was then rewritten for 2011-16 but nothing has been done, also noted that it is a very important area and we should have this committee so an effort should be made to get it running again. Dr. Hogberg questioned who are members; some listed have outdated institutional affiliations. Dr. Lardy commented that other members may not know who is their chair and all dept heads should speak with our faculty if members. Hogberg asked if the group has been meeting; was told they met year 2 but not year 1 and nothing submitted. Dr. Marshall noted he has to receive reports by Feb 15 so recommendations can be made to MRC. Hogberg moved to approve contingent on revisions and that Lardy would follow up with the committee to give a deadline to upload in 2 weeks. Lardy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

NCERA219 – Dr. Matthew summarized his comments on the project noting it addresses swine production and welfare, the group includes 14 members from 13 institutions and has strong industry links, and gave more details on strengths of the group and the project. Dr. Matthew recommended approval/continuation with normal revisions, and so moved. Dr. Swanson seconded and it passed unanimously.

That concluded review of Projects.

Chair Berger called for discussion of other items:

- Dr. Odde asked about attendance at the Dept Chairs meeting yesterday; there were about 20 attendees including 6 from NC region, which had bad weather that impaired travel.
- Questions on next year's venue; the NC region will be in charge; Dr. Swanson will arrange the meeting; Dr. Kensinger suggested it will probably be affiliated with NCBA in San Antonio ~ Feb 4-7.
- Don Marshall noted he needs revisions and final review forms within 1 week
- Dan Schaefer noted its apparent that Committees can request to retain their original number designation – especially helpful for long-term, recognized Committees.

With no further discussion, Chair Berger thanked those present.

Dr. Marshall had no further comment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Tom McFadden, Secretary