Minutes of the Agriculture Task Force Meeting
Murray State University
February 17, 2009
Pogue Library Reading Room
5 p.m.

Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Peg Hays, Chair of the Agriculture Task Force, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The roll was called and the following members were present: Bill Adams, Tony Brannon, Marilyn Buchanon, Will Ed Clark, Emily Harned, Doug Lawson, Jay Morgan, Kim Oatman and Jim Stahler. Absent: Bob Hargrove and Tom Denton (Ex-officio). Others present included: Regent Gina Winchester; Wade Northington, Director, MSU Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC); and Jill Hunt Lovett, Coordinator for Board Relations, Executive Secretary to the President and Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Minutes of the Agriculture Task Force Meetings December 30, 2008, and January 13, 2009, approved

Mr. Stahler moved that the minutes of the Agriculture Task Force meetings on December 30, 2008, and January 13, 2009, be approved as submitted. Mr. Clark seconded and the motion carried.

Breathitt Veterinary Center Update

Chair Hays asked Dr. Northington to bring the Task Force up to date on what is currently taking place at the BVC. Dr. Northington reported a proposal has been submitted to the Agriculture Development Board for a $450,000 grant to complete a feasibility study that would include a cost comparison of new construction versus renovation of the Center. The proposal has been assigned to a committee, which has scheduled a meeting at BVC on Monday, March 2, 2009. They will tour the facility and further discuss the feasibility study and what it will include. Several members of the MSU administration will be in attendance to illustrate the importance of this project to not only Murray State but also the state of Kentucky.

Dr. Northington reported Mr. Alan Stout, Chair of the MSU Board of Regents, visited and toured the Breathitt Veterinary Center last week. This provided an opportunity for Mr. Stout to become more familiar with the Center and the role it plays within the University and agriculture in Kentucky. The visit also provided an opportunity to share with Mr. Stout existing needs at the BVC and challenges the Center faces in operating within the current facility. Chair Hays encouraged all members of the Task Force to tour the BVC if they have not done so already.

Summary and Discussion of Top 3 Agriculture Task Force Priorities

Dr. Morgan provided Task Force members with a compilation of information distributed during previous meetings for review. He also presented a PowerPoint presentation which provided a recap of the work of the Task Force and highlights included:

- All decisions made within the School of Agriculture (SOA) are for the benefit of MSU students.
- The SOA has been a strong leader in enrollment and retention at the University since 1988.
- The SOA is proud of its partnerships over the years and continues to look for new ones and has been successful in raising external funds.
- The impact of farms and facilities on the University is considerable and the properties currently owned by Murray State are fenced in by residential areas and illustrate the need to examine additional property located outside of town.
- The Pullen Farm is well taken care of and is functioning nicely. The West Farm Complex has a total of 279 acres and originally cost $46,425 and Dr. Morgan expressed gratitude someone had the foresight to purchase the property many years ago. The Task Force should keep in mind the potential benefits of a new farm property not only now but in fifty years and the future student draw and resources it will bring to the University.
- There are challenges at the North Farm due to its close proximity to a public golf course. Five to six acres are currently used for a recycling facility which has presented other use limitations. The
Task Force must consider that the value of farmland will increase over time and the North Farm was originally purchased in 1962 for only $18,000.

Dr. Morgan reported the MSU Board of Regents special Agriculture Task Force met four times for the purpose of reviewing farm and facility plans, as well as conducting a needs assessment for the School of Agriculture and its comprehensive facilities. The Task Force formally reviewed each of the facilities under operation and management by the School of Agriculture and identified the following needs and recommendations:

Priority Recommendations

- Completion of the A. Carman Animal Health Technology Rear Laboratory area for student use and program reaccreditation purposes.
- Sale or trade of two parcels of property attached to the West Farm to be used as capitalizing assets for the acquisition of a new farm laboratory for the School of Agriculture (ranked #10 on the University’s Legislative Priority listing).
- A new or renovated Equine Housing Facility on the West Farm to parallel the amount of funds made available from the State Equine Trust Fund specifically for the School of Agriculture.
- Endorse the Breathitt Veterinary Center Advisory Board recommendation that the BVC continue as a top priority in MSU’s Legislative Capital Projects, at or above its current status (currently ranked #4). Additionally, that the A. Carman Facility and the Farm Laboratory remain at or above their current legislative priority status until completed.
- That the University, following the endorsement of the Agriculture Leadership Council of Students, adopt the Student Farm and Facility Fee of $3 per FTE generated credit hour for agriculture courses.

Secondary Recommendations

- That the University complete, when special grant funds are available to the School of Agriculture, the following targeted projects:
  - Open Sided Stall Barn – West Farm
  - Livestock Instructional Facility – West Farm
  - Arboretum – Pullen Farm

The School of Agriculture is currently pursuing external funds for one or more of these projects.

An executive summary was provided with recommended motions the Agriculture Task Force could advance to the MSU Board of Regents. The items in bold represent recommendations the Agriculture Task Force proposes and discussion follows the individual recommendations.

- Implement an “Agriculture Student Farm and Facility Fee” of $3 per FTE generated credit hour to assist in funding an additional farm laboratory, effective July 1, 2009.

This action was recommended by the Student Agriculture Leadership Council, would apply to students taking agriculture courses and amounts to approximately $27 per student per semester for an average assessment of $200 over a four-year period. Ms. Harned stated students who voted in favor of the fee understood it would be assessed per credit hour and would be over and above any fees currently in place. A question was asked regarding a student who receives financial aid and/or scholarships and whether this course fee would be covered by those sources of funding. All agreed this would be a question Mr. Denton could answer.

- Complete the unfinished portion of the A. Carman Animal Health Technology (AHT) Rear Laboratory utilizing CERR funds or University General Funds of $256,000 and School of Agriculture Improvement Funding of $100,000 for a total of $356,000.

The cost projections presented in the review materials are revised from what was provided to the Task Force in earlier meetings and include completion of the laboratory classroom, with ITV capability ($170,000); large animal area, with rubber floor and HVAC upgrades ($170,000) and classroom demonstration area, with camera and monitors ($16,000). Mr. Oatman reminded Task Force members that $356,000 is a construction estimate only and does not include furnishings or equipment. Agriculture Improvement Funds are restricted to farm use but the SOA is pursuing other means of funding and the question becomes how long the SOA should wait to expend Ag Improvement funds. Chair Hays stated completion of this project should definitely be a high priority recommendation to the Board and is relatively inexpensive in terms
of the importance of continuing AHT program accreditation. Agriculture students were willing to step up with regard to a new fee to support this project which further underscores its importance. Mr. Lawson asked whether the University has received funding from tobacco dollars and Dr. Brannon indicated there is an Ag Diversification and Enhancement project which provided grant funding for two new greenhouses, the aquaculture ponds, the nursery and the latest grant will support the arboretum. Mr. Lawson stated the Ag Finance Corporation has instituted new programs which provide assistance in the veterinary field and asked if that could be a potential funding source. Dr. Brannon indicated this funding is tied to the state objective of establishing new large animal veterinarians and/or constructing new large animal veterinary facilities.

- **The University should proceed with building a new or remodeled “Equine Housing Facility” on the West Farm to parallel the amount of funds available specifically to the School of Agriculture from the State Equine Trust Fund for expressed purposes.**

Dr. Brannon indicated the SOA currently has $155,000 available from the Equine Trust Fund and has received notification the transfer of $165,000 (reduced from $175,000) is pending – in addition to the annual appropriation amount – for a total of approximately $360,000 for the project. The SOA would like to start the project even though it would have to be scaled back.

- **The Task Force should be allowed to work with Mr. Denton on the sale or trade of the two parcels of property attached and adjacent to the West Farm totaling 13.89 and 15.46 acres, respectively, to be used as capitalizing assets for the acquisition of additional farmland laboratory acreage for the School of Agriculture. Mr. Denton should also be instructed by the Board to begin the process of working with the State Finance Cabinet and appropriate authorities involved in the various processes.**

The first property is located between the residential areas of Briarcourt and Crossfield. The second property is located to the west of the Murray Country Club and is also surrounded by residential property. The farm is surrounded by 58 neighbors which can become challenging when problems arise with regard to fallen trees, water lines, etc. These two properties, if sold or traded, could eventually be transformed into residential property and returned to the city tax roll which was discussed in detail at the last Task Force meeting. Any proceeds from the sale of these properties would be held in escrow for the purchase of an additional, more suitable property.

- **The University should pursue the purchase of an additional farm laboratory via an internal loan capitalizing on the sale/trade of current property and other revenues. A Task Force committee should be created to identify such property, work with the State of Kentucky Finance Cabinet and master planners, and report back to the full Board of Regents by fall 2009 with a proposal identifying specific property(s) and a repayment plan.**

Dr. Morgan reported if the Task Force makes this recommendation a smaller working committee will be formed to identify a specific tract(s) of property and propose a purchase agreement involving the potential sale or trade of the two previously-mentioned tracts of land. In response to a question Dr. Morgan indicated the committee would ask for any necessary money from the University to bring this plan to fruition after fall of 2009. Mr. Stahler asked if these two properties are sold what guarantee the Task Force would have the money would be available for the purchase of another property when it is needed. Dr. Morgan stated if the properties are liquidated any proceeds would be returned to the Finance Cabinet. Between now and when that is implemented it is expected the University will be able to enter into a relationship with the Finance Cabinet to hold those monies and/or recycle them back to the University. Mr. Denton would be asked to determine how to make this occur with certainty. Dr. Brannon indicated the only time this might become an issue would be if there is a direct sale to liquidate the property that is not tied to another project or purchase. It would then be at the discretion of the Finance Secretary on how to distribute any proceeds. Dr. Morgan stated the cleanest way to complete this transaction would be through a direct trade with internal dollars to complete the transaction.

Dr. Morgan reported prior to the ice storm he attempted to meet with the Regents to discuss the work of the Agriculture Task Force but those meetings had to be postponed. He met with Dr. Dunn to bring him up-to-date on the work of the Task Force, although they did not discuss mechanics of the process. Dr. Dunn and Mr. Stout have also reviewed the minutes of the Task Force meetings. Ms. Hays indicated while she does not believe there is transparency in some
aspects of the political process at MSU, the Agriculture Task Force has attempted to have transparency throughout the process and all Regents were apprised of the group’s work.

Mr. Stahler asked if the committee identifies an individual interested in the two tracts of land the University currently owns and they have a farm to trade for these properties whether that arrangement would be acceptable. Dr. Morgan indicated the cleanest way to handle the situation would be to trade properties. Mr. Lawson asked if the University would be allowed to trade properties without going through the Finance Cabinet and Dr. Morgan reported the University would need to receive approval only from the Finance Secretary as exchanging appraised value for appraised value is being proposed. If the University wishes to purchase property (that is contiguous) over and above the trade then that could be executed in the form of a loan from the University with repayment over a certain number of years. The appraised value for the two tracts of land is significantly more than the liquidation value of the properties.

Dr. Morgan stated by approving this recommendation the Board would authorize the Task Force to form a committee to begin working to identify tracts of property and the necessary process, under the supervision of Mr. Denton, to make the sale or trade. While it is not possible to request a specific loan amount, it would be helpful to have ceiling authority up to a certain amount. Mr. Clark inquired whether once this recommendation receives Board approval whether the committee would then have authority to proceed in identifying and purchasing a farm and avoid the situation that developed with the previous Long-Range Farm Planning Committee. Dr. Morgan stated the Task Force would be requesting authority to identify a piece of property suitable for SOA needs and further work out a trade or sale arrangement for the two pieces of property identified on the West Farm. Once that work has been completed a recommendation will be brought before the Board for consideration and approval.

Mr. Adams indicated a fundamental question is what the plan for the farm is, what it will be used for and how many acres are anticipated as being needed. Dr. Brannon stated he understands and appreciates the question but it is difficult to plan a hypothetical farm. If there is a specific piece of property identified it would be easier to state specifically what it will be used for. In discussions over the last couple of months the Task Force has been informed companies such as Mendel have requested the use of MSU farmland. Alltech has requested between 50 and 60 acres to use for plant growth research and field trials. Meetings are ongoing with a group in Owensboro for new and expanded opportunities utilizing tobacco and they are requesting certain size plots in order to conduct their research. Companies have different requirements and the SOA must have sufficient resources available to expand operations and meet the needs of these potential partners. It is difficult to determine exact acreage necessary but if a specific piece of property is identified Dr. Brannon assured the Task Force he would be able to provide a line-by-line farm plan, including revenue, expenses, return on investment and usage.

Mr. Clark again asked how the Task Force avoids the previous situation where a farm was identified and the purchase did not work out. Dr. Morgan stated it would be assumed if the Task Force asks the Board to issue the directive for a working group to go out and identify property for purchase and a financing plan in the form of a loan, the Board would view this as a directive to proceed with the purchase that would eventually be brought before them for final approval.

Mr. Clark is sure other Regents will raise the same question as Mr. Adams with regard to specific uses for a new farm and all must have a clear understanding of what the farm will be used for and agreement must be reached on how to accomplish this. He does not want to reach the point where the committee is ready to purchase a farm only to be told that the one identified is too expensive. Mr. Stahler added there are limitations on how far the farm can be located outside of town and whether it could be used as a marketing tool for future students should be considered. Mrs. Winchester believes the issue is the original question from Mr. Adams regarding what the farm will be used for and it will be a hard sell to the Board of Regents unless there is something concrete to tell them about how a particular farm will be utilized. Chair Hays stated perhaps the Board should leave such decisions up to Dr. Brannon as Dean of the School of Agriculture because he runs a very successful program considering its history and enrollment success. She does not believe the Board should micromanage farm operations because it does not do this for any other program on campus. Dr. Morgan stated when the University needed more parking the administration asked Mr. Denton to identify a suitable area to meet this need. He was not asked to find a lot with 11 spaces here and “x” number of spaces there. He assured the Task Force the total scope of what the SOA needs will be identified and whether available
land meets those needs will be fully reviewed. Once a particular piece of property is identified evaluation of that property will begin.

Mr. Adams clarified the information he requested applies more to the litany of companies that have been mentioned which will provide justification for a land purchase more so than a farm plan. Dr. Morgan stated with regard to Mrs. Winchester’s suggestion that the University approach local farmers about the possibility of acquiring a lease and subleasing to another company, there are many difficulties associated with such an arrangement and it would be a short-term resolution at best. He asked all to consider the possibilities for this new property for future generations of Murray State students. The purchase of property does not necessarily meet an immediate need but is rather intended to meet projected long-term needs. Mrs. Buchanon agreed a long-term solution must be pursued and will be even more beneficial to the University.

Chair Hays agreed Mr. Adams has a valid point and the Task Force will need to make a presentation regarding possibilities and different uses for a new farm and in a broad sense there could be some programmatic definition. She shares Mr. Clark’s concern and there should be language passed by the Board that will help the Task Force to not have a false run at the project. Funding to purchase property would simply be a loan from the University and a method of repayment would be established. Dr. Morgan indicated several different scenarios could be put together but at the last Board meeting there was no more than two minutes of debate on lending the U.S. Geological Society $330,000 to build a building and the Board did not know what would be put into the building other than fishing and research boats. This facility will benefit the University and students but at the time the Board did not express concern about the University lending money for the project and what is being proposed is the same concept. Mr. Adams stated the difference is the money was not coming out of the University’s pocket.

Mrs. Winchester asked for clarification on whether the Task Force is proposing an internal loan through the Foundation or from the University. Dr. Morgan reported he is referring to University funds and Mrs. Winchester stated if this is a budgeted item whether that means funding will not be available for something else which would normally be funded. Dr. Morgan replied this is not the case and there are general carryforwards (not departmental funds) from University contingency funds or reserves and $10 to $12 million is rolled forward at any given time. He is suggesting utilizing funding from the reserves which will be paid back at some future point and this same concept has played out many times at the University over the past eight to ten years.

Ms. Harned stated it is easier for individuals involved with agriculture to envision possibilities for the future. If a tract of land is purchased now by the School of Agriculture to everyone else it might be viewed as a simple land purchase and they are not able to foresee the property being used for crops or livestock to conduct different trials and research. As an agriculture student she sees those possibilities and if some are not able to immediately see a building they do not understand the long-term benefit a project may have. Even if companies requesting land for use now decide several years down the road they no longer need to conduct research at this site, then a facility could be constructed and could be used for other purposes which would result in a profit for the University.

Mr. Lawson expressed concerned about Carman Pavilion and the fact that AHT accreditation is at risk. If the University does not make a move in the near future it will be forced to continue growing plots 12 feet at a time, 6 feet wide, or it could make this farm purchase and become a research asset for the companies mentioned by Drs. Morgan and Brannon. If there are not enough acres to accomplish what is needed then the University limits its capabilities. He trusts the judgment of SOA leadership with regard to identifying specific properties and working out a repayment plan. He also expects a plan will be put in place which allows for certain crops to be grown that will produce a profit. Every farm is different and is suitable for different uses. He agrees a parking lot is not a revenue producer and farm property will eventually pay for itself. This process has been undertaken and tested on many occasions at MSU and the Task Force is not asking for anything over what is necessary with regard to financing. When compared to other universities in the Commonwealth regarding the amount of acreage available per Murray State student, the University is not comparable. MSU provides a quality education with the least amount of resources. Additional growth can be expected if more research opportunities are available which is not possible without acquiring additional farmland. The Task Force is simply seeking approval from the Board of Regents to identify a property that would allow the SOA to
accomplish the type of initiatives mentioned earlier. If language to this effect needs to be added to the motion he would be supportive of such language. Mrs. Buchanon indicated this would, in essence, constitute permission to start the process of identifying a farm for purchase. Mr. Oatman believes it might be helpful if the Board of Regents is provided with a funding limit. Mrs. Buchanon stated that could become an issue if the information becomes public knowledge because the ability to negotiate will then be lost.

Ms. Hays stated there must be confidence that the individuals undertaking this work will identify an appropriate piece of property at a reasonable price and it would be a mistake to micromanage the process. The School of Agriculture obviously wants the best property it can purchase with available funding and all must be confident this is what will be presented to the Board. Mr. Oatman stated what is being requested is not just looking for a piece of property but also a commitment from the Board and some might want to know the potential scope of the project. In order for this issue to be discussed in Executive Session, a specific piece of property must be identified. Dr. Brannon asked all to remember “repayment plan” ensures the farm identified will be in the best interest of the School of Agriculture. Dr. Morgan stated if the Board passes this recommendation he would impose it is not a mandate but is a directive to buy property. All agreed general parameters are a good idea and it would be beneficial if a basic outline for farm use, including programmatic issues, could be provided. Specifics figures and acreage numbers are not required.

- The Carman Pavilion and the acquisition of a Farm Laboratory should remain a priority in MSU’s State of Kentucky Legislative Capital Project Request, at or above their current ranking until completion.

Mrs. Buchanon believes this project is contained in the 2010-12 budget priority listing and is not ranked because project rankings are only assigned in the current year. Mr. Oatman indicated prior to this point the estimate had not been below $600,000 and it now does not require state approval. Dr. Morgan indicated with regard to the last two initiatives, Carman Pavilion and the possibility of a new farm laboratory, discussion has occurred on keeping these projects on the projects list until they are completed internally and Task Force members agreed.

- The Breathitt Veterinary Center should continue as a top priority in MSU’s State of Kentucky Legislative Capital Projects Request, at or above their current ranking and as recommended by the BVC Advisory Board.

Dr. Brannon reported BVC is currently ranked #4 on the Capital Projects Request.

Chair Hays thanked Dr. Morgan for his leadership throughout this process, indicating he has played a vital role in moving the Task Force forward. There is the possibility the Board will have a special call meeting in March and as Chair of the Agriculture Task Force and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, she would like to carry this initiative forward at that next meeting. Considerable discussion has taken place regarding laboratory farm acquisition and the verbiage contained in the recommendation and Chair Hays asked if there was a desire to change the language.

Mr. Lawson requested clarification regarding the process that must be followed if the project scope is under $600,000. Mr. Oatman reported $600,000 is the statutory limit where state approval is required for a project. Mr. Lawson asked hypothetically if a farm is located for $1 million and the trade for the other two properties was $450,000, leaving a $550,000 difference, whether this requires state approval. Mr. Oatman stated he is unsure whether the $600,000 threshold applies to a land purchase. Dr. Brannon reported Mr. Denton addressed this issue at the last meeting and the project would need to be included on the Campus Master Plan and a theoretical farm cannot be added to the plan. A directive is required from the Board to establish a committee to identify property and once identified it could be added to the Master Plan. Mr. Oatman stated for any land purchase, whether or not a trade is involved, the University would be acquiring a certain value of land and it would be tied to the value of the property. Chair Hays clarified the question was whether those two could be divided to make one farm acquisition and whether a trade would be considered in the purchase price. Mr. Lawson stated he is asking if there is a 200 acre farm identified whether 100 acres could be handled as a trade and 100 acres handled as a purchase. All agreed this is an issue for Mr. Denton to address.
Mr. Lawson stated the committee chosen to identify the property will need to be provided with this information. There are only a handful of individuals who will have an interest in the two properties being considered for trade and therefore the target market is small and those individuals must be provided with accurate information regarding how any deal could be structured and the committee must have the ground rules in place from the start. Mrs. Buchanon stated the Task Force, once it develops the committee, will need to work very closely with Mr. Denton and Chair Hays indicated he absolutely needs to serve as a member of the committee. Mr. Oatman reported if the Task Force votes on a recommendation this evening it must have as a condition that all this work will take place under the supervision of Mr. Denton. He cautioned CERR funds are currently low and what could be utilized are general University funds and only Mr. Denton knows enough about the process to determine how this might work given the current economic climate.

**Agriculture Task Force Recommendations, approved**

Mrs. Buchanon moved that, upon the recommendation of the Agriculture Task Force, the following recommendations be submitted to the Murray State University Board of Regents at the next regular or special call meeting:

1. Implement an “Agriculture Student Farm and Facility Fee” of $3 per FTE generated credit hour to assist in the funding of an additional farm laboratory, effective July 1, 2009.
2. Complete the unfinished portion of the A. Carman Animal Health Technology (AHT) Rear Laboratory utilizing CERR funds or University General Funds of $256,000 and School of Agriculture Improvement Funding of $100,000 for a total of $356,000.
3. The University should proceed with building a new or remodeled “Equine Housing Facility” on the West Farm to parallel the amount of funds available specifically to the School of Agriculture from the State Equine Trust Fund for expressed purposes.
4. The Task Force should be allowed to work with Mr. Denton for the sale or trade of the two parcels of property attached and adjacent to the West Farm totaling 13.89 and 15.46 acres, respectively, to be used as capitalizing assets for the acquisition of additional farmland laboratory acreage for the School of Agriculture. Mr. Denton should also be instructed by the Board to begin the process of working with the State Finance Cabinet and appropriate authorities involved in the various processes.
5. The University should pursue the purchase of an additional farm laboratory via an internal loan capitalizing on the sale/trade of current property and other revenues. A Task Force committee should be created to identify such property, work with the State of Kentucky Finance Cabinet and master planners, and report back to the full Board of Regents by fall 2009 with a proposal identifying specific property(s) and repayment plan.
6. The Carman Pavilion and the acquisition of a Farm Laboratory should remain a priority in MSU’s State of Kentucky Legislative Capital Project Request, at or above their current ranking until completion.
7. The Breathitt Veterinary Center should continue as a top priority in MSU’s State of Kentucky Legislative Capital Project Request, at or above their current ranking and as recommended by the BVC Advisory Board.

Mr. Lawson seconded and the motion carried. The Task Force agreed all recommendations would be undertaken with oversight from Mr. Denton.

Chair Hays indicated work will begin to identify the membership of the committee to be formed as a result of tonight’s recommendation. She encouraged Task Force members to let her know of particular individuals who would provide valuable assistance as a member and what tasks those individuals might be particularly well suited to perform. She thanked the members of the Task Force for their work and Dr. Brannon also expressed appreciation and stated as administrators he and Dr. Northington took the charge to move their respective operations forward and anything that can be done to move them closer to these goals will be beneficial but this does not mean they have suddenly become dependent on the Task Force. He expressed appreciation to the Task Force for their commitment to the process and further expressed appreciation to the full Board for forming the Agriculture Task Force to address this issue and asked for their support as the process moves forward.
Task Force Future Work Plan and Timeline

Chair Hays reported the Task Force will meet at least once more in the short-term and will have periodic meetings as the process moves along. Once the committee is formed and determines where it is headed she would like for the Task Force to reconvene (perhaps within the next four to five weeks) to receive a status report.

Chair Hays agreed to e-mail members of the Task Force to let them know whether these recommendations received approval from Mr. Denton. Mrs. Lovett will distribute the minutes from this meeting and Chair Hays will ensure Mr. Denton is apprised of this evening’s meeting and answers to the questions that have been asked will be provided. Chair Hays reminded Task Force members to send to her or Mrs. Lovett suggested membership for the committee. The goal is to have a laboratory farm in operation by March 1, 2010.

Adjournment

The Agriculture Task Force meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes approved at the April 6, 2009, Agriculture Task Force meeting.

Chair, AGT Task Force

Secretary, Board of Regents

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