

**Agriculture Advisory Team Meeting  
December 9, 2015**

**Member present**

**David Lyle  
Joe Egan  
Jack Hanson  
Sandy Fortin  
Mike Bartley  
Holly Egan  
Craig Hemphill  
Allison Somerville  
Wyatt Hanson  
Dr. Terri Armstrong  
Jesse Reifer  
Brian Wolf**

**Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Brian Wolf. Agenda was passed out and the meeting started with introductions of all participants.**

**College Overview – Dr. Armstrong**

**Reported on the following programs:**

- Fire Science**
- Nursing**
- Auto**
- Welding**
- Sports**

**The inmate education pilot project at High Desert state Prison was also explained. She went on to explain about how correspondence would be cut out and all classes would be face to face. Dr. Armstrong also talked about the new library and invited all to join at the grand opening.**

**Agriculture Overview – Brian Wolf**

- Talked about the program moving more towards agriculture leadership and moving the rodeo team away from ag and into athletics.**
- Brief update on rodeo team and the coaching situation.**
- Talked about approval of two new courses (Soil Science, Animal health and disease)**

## Action Items

### **Curriculum:**

**Irrigation Courses – Passed out suggested course from hired consultant**

**Irrigation Certificate – passed out suggested certificates and degrees from consultant**

### **Discussion of courses:**

- **Short explanation of history for the Irrigation curriculum – Bwolf**
- **Vigorous discussions about skill levels, job placement, pay...**
- **General consensus was too many courses for our area in irrigation and not enough students.**
- **It was Suggested that a few courses be put together for an emphasis in irrigations to go along with the ag AA degree.**
- **AGR 19 Soil Science, AGR 20 Plant Science, AGR 42 Farm Survey, Irrigation and Drainage, AGR 49 Work experience for 1 unit. The discussion was that these courses had the skills needed for someone starting in irrigation. Holly, Jack, Mike, Allison, and Craig all had discussion points on these courses, explaining why each should be added and not the others**

**Moved to accepted the above three courses and to be put into a certificate of accomplishment by Mike Bartley and seconded by Jack Hanson**

**The vote followed with a unanimous decision**

**Following the vote it was discussed that if we could get the ground at CCC we could quickly increase this degree to offer more classes – Joe Egan**

### **Discussion Items:**

- **Seed to Sale project**
- **A project that will take feed grown through hydroponics along with other local feeds, fed to cattle through classes on campus. All the accounting and marketing would be done by the agriculture business classes. The final product (beef) would be graded by**

- students and hopefully sold to the cafeteria. The other products will be marketed through a new sales course.
- This topic was introduced –BWolf
  - The following courses were suggested for a new AS degree for the seed to sale project
    1. Animal Science
    2. Beef Cattle Production
    3. Plant Science
    4. Animal Health and disease
    5. Agriculture Accounting
    6. Feeds and Feeding
    7. Animal Selection
    8. Agriculture Sales and Communication(new)
  - The discussion was extremely favorable for this project
  - All thought it would be a big draw for the program
  - Explanation of New Mixing wagon for ration development
  - Thought hydroponics would be a good selling point for water usage and sustainability
  - It was also suggested that the brewery waste could be fed to add a sustainable aspect to the product

Moved to accept and move forward to action with more details  
Holly Egan and seconded by Sandy Fortin  
Vote unanimous

**Donations:**

It was discussed to ask ranchers for donations of one head per ranch for a startup for this seed to sale project. It was suggested that if the ranchers could get a write off for taxes, most would donate. Holly suggested a marketing letter taken to the cattlemen's meeting with the information about the write off through the school. If these donations were acquired it would give a huge boost to the program and first year profits would be high and could be used as scholarships for the following year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm