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December 5, 1963

TO : Western Directors

FROM : Barbara Nicoletto, Secretary to Mr. John O. Gerald,  
Recording Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of November 11 & 13, 1963 Meetings

Enclosed are Minutes of your November 11 and 13, 1963 meetings which Mr. Gerald requested me to send. He asked me to call your attention, in particular, to item G. 2, of the RRC Report, page 9, and the request under "March 5-8, 1964 Meeting," page 11.

Enclosure

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MINUTES OF  
WESTERN DIRECTORS' MEETING

Morrison Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois

November 11 & 13, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Frevert. The following were present during all or part of the meeting:

R. K. Frevert	Arizona
H. E. Myers	Arizona
E. G. Linsley	California
J. H. Meyer	California
C. F. Kelly	California
M. L. Peterson	California
D. F. Hervey	Colorado
S. S. Wheeler	Colorado
G. D. Sherman	Hawaii
M. M. Rosenberg	Hawaii
R. D. Ensign	Idaho
J. E. Kraus	Idaho
J. A. Asleson	Montana
R. E. Huffman	Montana
R. E. Ely	Nevada
D. W. Bohmont	Nevada
M. L. Wilson	New Mexico
P. J. Leyendecker	New Mexico
F. E. Price	Oregon
K. W. Hill	Utah
D. W. Thorne	Utah
L. W. Rasmussen	Washington
M. T. Buchanan	Washington
J. W. Oxley	Wyoming
N. W. Hilston	Wyoming
T. S. Ronningen	CSESS
B. F. Beacher	CSESS
T. C. Byerly	CSESS
J. O. Gerald	Recording Secretary

Introductions

Thorne introduced Ken W. Hill, Associate Director of the Utah Station. Rosenberg introduced G. Donald Sherman, Associate Director of the Hawaii Station. Peterson introduced James H. Meyer, Dean and Associate Director at the Davis Campus, and Clarence F. Kelly, Associate Director of the State-wide Station, University of California. Beacher introduced Thomas S. Ronningen of the CSESS.

Initiations

Asleson instructed the initiates as to the proper mien and disposition for Directors to hold. It was suggested that the initiates form a committee of the whole to investigate possibilities for appeasing the possible ire of any Directors prior

to calling for a vote for admission of the initiates to the Association. The committee reported at a later session that it had studied the possibilities for accomplishing the objectives. Only after the committee presented proof that it had diligently carried forward the instructions of Directors were they admitted.

Correction and  
Approval of  
June 1963  
Minutes

The following corrections of the June 1963 Minutes are noted for Directors:

1. At the request of the Administrative Adviser, the short title for WM-50 is changed from "Plywood Marketing" to "Lumber and Plywood Marketing." The earlier title is shown on page 2 of the Administrative Adviser assignment list attached to the June 1963 Minutes.
2. Directors changed several of the allotments shown in the budget sheets distributed on August 21, 1963 for attachment to the Minutes. These were:
  - a. Colorado - Transfer \$7,980 RRF from WM-42, Initial Timber Processors, to WM-50, Lumber and Plywood Marketing.
  - b. Hawaii - WM-46, \$1,000 RRF; WM-47, \$1,000 RRF; WM-48, \$1,000 RRF; and W-76, \$500 RRF. In addition, the \$1,510 RRF shown for W-7 and the \$1,510 RRF for W-50 were errors. Hawaii has no allotments to these projects in 1963-64.

Buchanan moved, Linsley seconded that the Minutes be approved subject to corrections being shown in the Minutes of this meeting. Passed.

Needs for Re-  
search  
Facilities

Price reported upon developments in other regions in connection with the Research Facilities Act. He and other members of the ad hoc committee, appointed by the Chairman, commented upon how the Western Region might best organize to meet the requirements of the region for coordination of facilities plans to be submitted to CSESS at a later time.

Byerly also commented upon activities which might be undertaken by the region to coordinate such requests, and upon the several questions which likely will be asked prior to approval of any such requests.

Rasmussen and Buchanan also commented on activities which Directors and the Committee of Nine might undertake which would lay a basis for specific appropriation requests for facilities.

Chairman Frevert noted that this committee of Price, Peterson and Leyendecker was appointed on an ad hoc basis and asked if Directors wished to have this committee continue.

Kraus moved, Linsley seconded, that Price, Chairman; Peterson and Leyendecker be continued as a committee to study problems connected with facilities needs and how to coordinate the various requests. Passed.

Thorn removed, Myers seconded, that this committee in cooperation with the Western members of the Committee of Nine and Legislative Subcommittee canvass Directors by mail to obtain information needed by Legislative Subcommittee and others. Passed.

RRC Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL RESEARCH

to

THE WESTERN DIRECTORS

Chicago, Illinois

November 11, 1963

The following were present at the November 10 meeting of the Regional Research Committee at Chicago, Illinois:

J. A. Asleson  
N. W. Hilston  
R. E. Ely  
P. J. Leyendecker  
B. F. Beacher  
J. O. Gerald, Recording Secretary

A. REIMBURSING COSTS OF APPROVED TRAVEL OF AN INTERREGIONAL NATURE OR OF CONSULTANTS FOR WESTERN REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES.

Question has arisen concerning responsibility for reimbursement of costs of certain travel directly benefiting the Western regional research program. Such travel has been authorized, in the past; will continue to be essential; and the costs should be met by some means.

The plans recommended by RRC in March 1963 for handling P&C funds had envisioned an unallocated reserve of RRF. It was assumed that the station employing the traveler, or most logically situated for reimbursing the traveler's expenses, would reimburse any interregional and extra-regional regional travel costs out of its regular P&C fund. If such reimbursements proved burdensome for a station, it would then request a supplemental allotment from the unallocated reserve. However, actions taken in June 1963 resulted in the situation that, if appropriations for 1963-64 represent a \$1.0m. increase over 1962-63, there will be no unallocated reserve. In this event, stations will have to pay all travel costs during 1963-64 from funds available to them from previous RRF allotments and other sources.

RRC believes the following to be a realistic basis for administrative advisers and Directors to use in determining what station is responsible for the costs of a specific trip for the remainder of 1963-64:

1. For interregional travel specified in regional project outlines - RRC recommends that the stations employing the persons due to perform interregional travel on behalf of regional technical committees be responsible for reimbursing such costs. Such costs are not a major item for the region and they should be manageable for any station.
2. For travel of consultants, specialists, etc., invited to technical committee meetings with the approval of administrative advisers - RRC recommends that reimbursement of travel costs of this nature be the ultimate responsibility of the administrative advisers' stations. Advisers would then be forewarned that means for reimbursing such costs should be assured before approving invitations, with expenses to be reimbursed, for consultants to attend committee meetings.

RRC is aware that the above recommendations, while necessary for guiding operations for the remainder of this year, would probably unduly restrict interregional and extra-regular regional travel if continued into the future. RRC also is aware that there could be a system developed for handling reimbursements which might encourage excessive amounts of extra-regular regional travel. RRC has tried to arrive at a reasonable balance of these contrary tendencies in the procedures it is recommending for use in the 1965 and following fiscal years.

/Asleson moved, Leyendecker seconded, approval of extra-regular regional travel arrangements recommended by RRC for 1963-64. Passed./

RRC recommends that, for 1965 and following fiscal years, a special trust fund be assigned to one station for reimbursing the costs of interregional and extra-regular regional travel benefiting the Western regional research program, subject to prior approval at the Spring meeting of Western Directors of travel proposed for the following fiscal year. RRC further recommends that these matters be made known to the Committee of Nine by the Western regional members of that committee. The committee is planning to consider the difficult position relative to such matters which the new allotment procedures have engendered for all regions.

/Asleson moved, Rasmussen seconded, approval of plans for financing extra-regular regional travel in 1964-65 fiscal year. Passed./

B. REGIONAL TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR IR-3, NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

The Western Region's technical representative to IR-3, Dr. S. Hoos of California, has asked to be relieved of his assignment immediately for reasons of health. IR-3 will meet in February, and will need the presence of a Western member.

RRC recommends that the WAERC Administrative Adviser be authorized to appoint, following consultation with WAERC and the Director of the station concerned, a person to replace Dr. Hoos.

/Asleson moved, Leyendecker seconded, approval for WAERC Administrative Adviser to appoint a technical representative from the West for IR-3, National Policies and Programs. Passed./

C. PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COPIES OF APPROVED REGIONAL PROJECT OUTLINES FOR USE BY STATIONS.

This matter has apparently caused problems at some stations. It has been found that the zeroxed outline distributed by CSESS to each Director reproduces well in most thermal process machines available, and perhaps in other types. Consequently, there should be no major problem for any station in meeting its needs for copies. If a station does encounter problems, the Recording Secretary's office has offered to assist by reproducing copies.

D. PUBLISHING REGIONAL REPORTS.

RRC reviewed past procedures for financing the publication of reports of regional research. RRC calls to your attention the three types of publications which may result from a regional research project. These are:

1. Definitely regional to which a number of states contribute data, are coauthors, etc.
2. Single state research phases which are reported alone but which may or may not be contributing also to a regional report.
3. Journal articles.

The first type requires distribution throughout the region and means for financing its publication must be assured. RRC recommends that technical committees use the following procedures:

1. Determination by the technical committee with approval by the Administrative Adviser of the number of reserve copies, if any, it wishes to have the publishing station hold for supplying out-of-region orders, etc.
2. Determination by the publishing station of the number of copies needed for distribution to libraries, etc.
3. Advance orders by each state and agency of the number of copies it wishes for within state distribution. (All Western States, and other participating states and agencies, should be given the opportunity to place advance orders.)
4. Price advance order copies at a rate which will recover the total cost of publishing for the publishing station.

The decision as to which station would publish the report, as a regular number of that station's series, would involve the following points:

- a. Proportionate amount of work done.
- b. Cost of publishing at the various Experiment Stations involved.
- c. Dominant interest of a particular state.

Asleson moved, Oxley seconded, adoption of RRC recommendations for a method of financing regional publications. Passed.

E. MAINTAINING QUALITY OF REGIONAL RESEARCH.

RRC discussed what adverse effects the new allotment procedures may be having on the quality of regional research in the West. RRC members felt that it is much too early to detect any such effects. However, Station Directors should keep informed of the quality of the research contributing to regional projects underway at their stations. Administrative Advisers, on the other hand, are in the best position to evaluate how and in what degree such work can and should contribute to the regional program. Exchange of views between advisers and Directors on occasions should be encouraged.

RRC has no specific recommendation now concerning these matters for consideration by WD.

F. REGIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS.

W-61, Sheep Breeding - RRC received a report from the Administrative Adviser concerning the status of the research underway in relation to the approved project outline. The technical committee believes the outline is adequately written for current and prospective work.

RRC is encouraged by the report of rapid progress and hopes that the project can be concluded well in advance of the 1973 termination date now in effect, The Adviser should continue to evaluate the progress critically.

If the work cannot be concluded before 1968, the project will be subject to a 10-year review.

[No action required.]

W-77, Interaction of Temperature with Other Factors on the Response of Canada Thistle to Herbicides - The project outline presented by the W-63, Weed Control, technical committee carries through the proposal reviewed at the June 1963 meeting. RRC recommends that the outline be approved as W-77 effective July 1, 1964, and to extend to June 30, 1969.

The former W-63 project should receive considerable critical review and appraisal in the termination report which will be due by February 1, 1965.

[Asleson moved, Wilson seconded, approval of the recommendation. Passed.]

WM--, Marketing, Production, and Policy Adjustments in the Supply of United States Sugar Requirements - This proposal from WAERC reflects an area urgently needing study. Major investment decisions will be made over the next decade which will affect the acreage and production of both beets and cane throughout the United States and friendly nations of the world in response to higher price levels for sugar caused in part by embargoes and other devices of United States foreign policy. Information for such decision-making is essential. Experiment Stations have been approached by industry representatives about obtaining pertinent information.

The proposal from WAERC seems well suited as a CRF marketing project, and RRC recommends that the proposal be submitted to the Committee of Nine for consideration of its activation and funding in 1964-65 out of Central Research Funds.

Because of fund uncertainties and other problems, the Committee of Nine may not be in position to start immediate planning for this project. Its importance to the Western Region justifies approval for planning of the work for activation July 1, 1964, as a Western Regional marketing project, with the understanding that it might become, or might be supplemented by, a CRF project of similar nature. RRC recommends that Director Kelly be appointed Administrative Adviser to proceed



immediately with organizing a technical committee for planning. He should seek participation not only from among the 12 Western States but also from other regions and the several Divisions of the Economic Research Service able to contribute to such study.

Asleson moved, Rasmussen seconded, approval of RRC recommendations. Passed.

W--. The Consistency of Government Programs Affecting Agricultural Resource Use in the Western Region - RRC recommends that this proposal be returned to WAERC for further study. If it is to be resubmitted, the Council should clarify objectives and to narrow its scope materially.

Recommendation adopted by consensus.

WM--. Price Responses and Changes in Distribution Patterns for Livestock Feeds in the West - This proposal by the WM-20, Hay and Feed Marketing, technical committee was received too late for careful study by RRC, and has not been reviewed by WAERC. RRC recommends that this proposal be returned to WAERC for review and appraisal in relation to work done under WM-20 and in relation to work which is being carried forth under WM-48, Livestock Pricing and Marketing.

Recommendation adopted by consensus.

Requests for extension of WM-39, Direct Marketing of Livestock, and WM-43, Bulk Handling, were received. RRC asks that WAERC consider the merits of these requests and recommend to Directors for action at the March 1964 meetings.

Recommendation adopted by consensus.

#### G. GENERAL REMARKS

1. RRC was originally assigned responsibility for project reviews and similar duties. In some recent meetings, much more than 50 percent of effort was devoted to affairs integral to the conduct of regional research but only vaguely pertinent to project review. RRC asks that Directors consider how much responsibility they wish RRC to assume, and to understand that continuation of recent trends may engender extra meetings of RRC and surrender time which should be devoted to other duties by RRC members. Is this desirable?

In discussion Myers stated that, in his opinion, the business of the group concerning regional research matters had been handled very adequately and well by RRC. He asked if it would not be advisable to have other

matters studied by an executive committee or other committees as appointed, and such committees to be charged with bringing recommendations to the group for consideration. Thorne, Rosenberg, and others agreed with RRC that its load was heavy and that it should restrict its consideration to matters of the regional research program.

[Price moved, Kraus seconded, that it be the policy of Western Directors that responsibility for only regional research matters be assumed by RRC and that general matters of policy be assigned to other committees as appointed by the Chairman. Passed.]

- 2, Plans for 1964-65 Budget Recommendations and Project Reviews - RRC has asked the Recording Secretary to survey Administrative Advisers to determine trust fund needs of committees in 1964-65. He will also ask about interregional and consultant travel fund needs for 1964-65. RRC has also asked that the Recording Secretary survey Directors to get information on experiences in 1963-64 with the P&C fund system in use. If the present plans seem to be working satisfactorily, RRC will adjust average regional trip cost estimates for higher per diem rates than were allowed for in the current estimates, re-estimate number of regional trips likely to be taken by personnel of each station in 1964-65, and use these for recommending allotments of P&C funds to the several stations in 1964-65.

RRC also wished to call to the attention of Advisers and Directors that there are more than 20 new project outlines authorized which presumably will be in for review at the March 1964 meeting. RRC will make every effort to give careful study to all outlines submitted on or before February 1, 1964, but will probably not be able to review, for the March meeting, any submitted after that date. Technical committees and advisers should be guided accordingly in scheduling meetings and in distributing outlines for review.

Appreciation to Asleson for his work as Chairman of RRC and to other members of RRC was expressed by the Chairman and emphasized with applause.

#### Publication of Soil Map

Thorne commented on the plan approved at the June 1963 meeting under which 6,600 copies of the publication would be published. It has been found that the total cost of the publication is greater than the amount approved by Directors. For the dollar amount approved, only 5,500 copies could be published. By consensus, it was agreed that 5,500 copies will be published at a cost of about \$625 per station, but with each state being given the opportunity to place advance orders for additional copies at a price of approximately 53 cents per copy.

WSWRC Workgroup  
Meetings

Thorne moved, Rosenberg seconded, that approval be given for a meeting of the Soil Survey Workgroup and of the Phosphate Workgroup. Thorne noted that the Soil Survey Workgroup would meet to complete the details of the soil map publication authorized above. The Phosphate Workgroup will meet on funds provided from non-station sources. Passed.

W-1 Technical  
Committee  
Request to  
Meet in Hawaii

In the temporary absence of Wheeler, Hervey presented the request of the W-1 Technical Committee to meet in Hawaii late in 1964 or early 1965. He discussed the justification for this meeting as seen by the technical committee. He stated that the Administrative Adviser had studied the request of the technical committee and while he had not had opportunity to discuss it in detail with the adviser, it was his impression that the adviser would recommend that the request be approved. Following further discussion of the merits of the request, Hervey moved, Rosenberg seconded, that Western Directors recommend to the Administrative Adviser that he consider with favor approval of the request to meet in Hawaii, but to approve only after he has canvassed the members of the technical committee concerning their attendance at such meeting. He should satisfy himself that enough members will attend to justify the meeting in Hawaii. Passed.

Dues for WAESD

At Price's request, the Recording Secretary discussed some of the alternatives to the group for supporting activities of interest to the cooperating states. Question was raised concerning the continued need for the meetings and the recommendations of the Western Agricultural Economics Research Council and for the secretarial services to that Council.

Huffman discussed the functions of WAERC and the way in which the changes in allotment procedures may make the performance of WAERC even more effective than in the past. He commented upon the particularly difficult task technical committees face in defining economic marketing problems and in developing procedures for attack on these problems. The relationships between WAERC and the Farm Foundation financed committees in the West were mentioned. He suggested that the problem of providing secretarial services for WAERC must be considered by Directors in the total context of Secretary-Recording Secretary functions and of the coordinating activities of the Secretary, particularly for economics marketing projects.

By consensus, it was agreed that the committee composed of Price, Chairman; Peterson and Buchanan would write to Directors concerning a final plan and budgets for support of the several activities involved.

Recommendation  
that 204(b)  
Funds be  
Increased

Price asked if Western Directors were in agreement with the recommendation of ESMRAC that the appropriation request for 204(b) funds in 1964-65, or later years, be one million dollars rather than the \$500,000 which has been appropriated annually since the beginning of the Act. Views of CSESS personnel, that

administration costs for the Act would be increased little, if any, by an increase in the fund and of the view that there is little, if any, connection between the appropriations under this title and those under other titles, were discussed.

Thorne moved, Rosenberg seconded, that Western Directors look with favor upon a request for a \$500,000 increase in 204(b) funds appropriations. Passed.

Agricultural  
Science  
Review

Ronningen commented upon the first issue of Agricultural Science Review which will be released soon. He stated that it has not been planned as a typical example of what to expect in this review, but rather is simply one issue. He asked for any reactions of Directors to the publication.

Quality in  
Marketing

Thorne stated that, in his opinion, there is room for a project in marketing which would examine aspects of quality not directly amenable to economic evaluation. The shortage of time available prevented any further discussion of this subject.

March 5-8, 1964  
Meeting

Rosenberg discussed arrangements for the spring 1964 meeting in Hawaii. He requested that participants send reservations for rooms to him as early as possible, preferably within the month of November. The Islander Hotel was mentioned as a possible place where he would arrange for the group to stay. Plans, as discussed in June 1963, were to meet on the campus of the University of Hawaii on March 5-6; to tour branch station facilities on Oahu on March 7; and to visit branch stations and other facilities on Hawaii on March 8.

Summer 1964  
Meeting

Thorne discussed the invitation to Directors to meet in Utah in the summer of 1964.

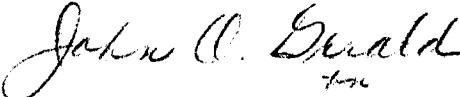
Myers moved, Leyendecker seconded, that the meeting be held on the campus of Utah State University at Logan. Passed.

Rosenberg moved, Price seconded, that the meeting be held July 22-24, 1964. Passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



John O. Gerald  
Recording Secretary