# IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division Unapproved Minutes September 3, 2008 Meloland Research Station

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hugh Kissick, Daniel Poloni

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Freddi Abatti, Walter Britschgi, Jose DeSoto, Johnny Esquer, Steven Finnell, Ed Fonda, Ed Hale, Al Kalin, William Love, Tommy Mills, Antonio Rivera, Bo Shropshire, Ralph Strahm, Nancy Wade

#### STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, David Bradshaw, Steve Burch, Ofelia Duarte

#### **GUESTS**

Gonzalo Huerta, Lianna Zhao

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for May 7, 2008 were approved unanimously. M/S/C S. Burch/D. Bradshaw

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## A. Steps and Progression of field improvement

P. Pauley announced that one (1) crop of wheat was harvested. Average was 3.51 tons per acre. The initial contract was \$17 per hundred but \$16.75 was paid due to protein being short. Overall, yield was good and protein was good. P. Pauley mentioned that one of the steps towards improvement has been cleaning tile lines (underground pipes that drain water out to the ditch). In the process of cleaning tile lines it was discovered that there was no water running from the northeast end of the field. Copies were passed out showing the section that's problematic. Discussion followed.

## B. Preparation for the next crop cycle

Soil test will be done by D. Poloni. D. Poloni estimates 400 units of fertilizer not including phosphate. P. Pauley contacted Rudy for some manure. Brandt pledged the same amount of compost that was applied last time. Discussion followed. Matt Hester, Torrence's Farm Implements, has a Versatile that they are willing to loan us.

Brief summary by S. Burch – (1) D. Poloni will be responsible for pre-plant soil analysis (after tile). (2) Tile will be put on the East End (Lidco will be putting in the tile lines). (3) Disc, lime, disk again, manure, rip, and water.

# **REPORTS**

P. Pauley has two (2) classes. Nine (9) enrolled in one and new course AG 101 (Survey of AG in the Modern World) has 16 enrolled. AG 101 is a direct transfer to Pomona and San Luis. Pomona requires this course of all AG Majors. L. Zhao reported that IVC SME Division developed a two year Agriculture course offering plan. Within a two year window all AG classes will be offered. Ag program has the support of the division in terms of hiring more adjunct to teach all AG courses. L. Zhao also acknowledged the support from Administration not only with the funding but also with enrollment for three years. This is year two. They are willing to overlook the low enrollment (AG 220 was cancelled – 2 is too low) because they see the growth potential and the need of the local community. Administration is committed to seeing this program succeed. Discussion followed. P. Pauley pointed out that there's not a tremendous amount of overlap. He feels that 2 year institutions that have AG programs will be the replacement for 4 year text school. Majority of the classes will be transferable. PCA's, CTU's, CCA's, and CEU's were discussed. S. Burch recommended that the four meet regarding CEU hours (L. Zhao, D. Poloni, P. Pauley and S. Burch).

## **OTHER**

Alumni Association – H. Kissick, D. Poloni volunteered to head Alumni Assoc. P. Pauley announced that Mr. Mohammed volunteered to Co-Chair.

Tractor A/C repair - P. Pauley requested from G. Huerta to please authorize repair of air condition on tractor.

AG Club – S. Burch announced that first Ag Club meeting will be tomorrow, Sept. 4 at 5:30 room 1308. Everyone's invited. Officers and Committees will be set up to head pumpkin patch, and cattle call. P. Pauley mentioned that Imperial will be starting a Farmers Market. G. Hill (IVC Foundation Director) is coordinating a collaborative effort between the Ag Club and the Foundation.

P. Pauley mentioned FFA Greenhand conference and Mid Winter Fair plans for next year.

Appreciation Dinner – 2<sup>nd</sup> Appreciation dinner is planned.

Installation of officers was discussed and motion was made to table for next meeting. M/S/C H. Kissick/D. Poloni

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. M/S/C H. Kissick/D. Bradshaw Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 10/1/08, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Meloland Station.

Cc: Lianna Zhao

Approved Oct. 1, 2008 Recorder: Ofelia Duarte