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The Board convened at 2:00 P.M. with the following members present: Louis P. Batson, Jr., Vice Chairman, presiding; Billy L. Amick, James E. Bostic, Jr., John J. Britton, Robert R. Coker, Fletcher C. Derrick, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., William N. Geiger, Jr. Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., Buck Mickel, James C. Self and Joseph B. McDevitt, Secretary

Official Observers Present: Leonard Butler, President, Alumni Association; Earle Morris, President, Clemson University Foundation; Bill Reeves, President, IPTAY; and Milton Kimpson, Representative from the Governor's Office

Others Present: Larry Bauer, President, Faculty Senate; Matt Locke, President, Student Body; David Senn, Past President, Faculty Senate; Dean Luther Anderson, Dean Benton Box, Dean Charles Jennett and Dr. Bob Gilliland


Item 1. Roll Call

Item 2. The Minutes of the January 25, 1985, March 1, 1985 and March 24, 1985 meetings, previously submitted by mail to all members of the Board of Trustees, were approved.

Item 3. Multipurpose Building - Camp Bob Cooper

Statement: Bids for the Multipurpose Building at Camp Bob Cooper were publicly opened at 2:00 P.M. in the Middleton
Building, 300 Gervais Street, Columbia, S.C. on March 28, 1985. The low base bid of $218,475.00 by H. W. Detwiler Company and Wise Construction Company (joint venture) was less than the amount budgeted for this project.

Recommendation of the Business and Finance Committee: That the Board of Trustees authorize the award of the contract to the low bidder in the amount of $218,475.00 (base bid) and reject all deductive alternates.

Board Action: Approved

Item 4: Bond Resolutions

Statement: Act No. 194 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1983 provides that Clemson University may borrow money through the issuance of revenue bonds in order to raise monies required to refund outstanding Stadium Improvement Bonds of Clemson and outstanding Stadium Improvement Revenue Notes. This Act was passed in order that Clemson University might have the option to improve its position with respect to more favorable interest rates and/or more favorable debt structure at such time as tax exempt bond markets improved. It has been determined by bond counsel and the State Treasurer that Clemson University can improve its position with reference to these outstanding bonds and notes by issuing refunding bonds as provided in Act No. 194 and restructuring the debt on Memorial Stadium which resulted from the additions to both the South and North Stands. The administration seeks and requests approval for permission to proceed with this matter with the advice and counsel of the State Treasurer and bond counsel. In order to effect the issuance of these bonds and the refunding and defeasance of outstanding bonds and notes, it is necessary that the Board of Trustees authorize such action by resolution. A general resolution entitled "A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Athletic Department Revenue Bonds of Clemson University and Other Matters Relating Thereto" and a specific resolution pertaining to the issuance of refunding bonds bearing a current date are required to be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation of the Business and Finance Committee: That these two resolutions be adopted and that the administration work with State Treasurer and bond counsel in carrying out the provisions of the two resolutions.

Board Action: Approved

NOTE: Subsequent to this Board meeting and prior to the preparation of these minutes, it was determined that changes would be required in the bonds. Consequently, further action by the Board will be required and the bonds are not appended to these minutes.
Item 5. Title Change of Branch Experiment Stations

Statement: The new Pee Dee station will be called the Pee Dee Research and Education Center reflecting the staffing of the station with both research and extension people and, also, the use of the building in holding educational meetings and conferences. The other three stations (Edisto, Sandhill and Coastal) now have both research and extension people on their staffs. The Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences has proposed that the designation of these three stations be changed to research and education centers. The Administration concurs in that recommendation.

Recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee: That the following names for branch experiment stations be approved: Edisto Research and Education Center, Sandhill Research and Education Center and Coastal Research and Education Center.

Board Action: Approved

Item 6. Reorganization of the Agricultural and Public Service Activities Areas

Statement: At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 3, 1984, the Board, upon recommendation of its Educational Policy Committee, resolved that the Administration should consider and study various forms of organizational structure for the Extension Service, to include a study of the advantages and disadvantages of the present and alternative organizational structures. The study is completed and is available for review in the office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is the recommendation of the Administration that a reorganization of the public service area be accomplished as depicted on the chart appended to these minutes as Attachment A.

Recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee: That the Board of Trustees approve the attached organizational chart for the public service activities and authorize its implementation by the Administration.

Board Action: Approved

Item 7. Administrative Briefing by College of Engineering

Statement: Dean Charles Jennett gave a brief synopsis of a more extended briefing which he had given to the Educational Policy Committee of the Board. An executive summary of Dean Jennett's briefing is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. This briefing required no action by the Board of Trustees and was received for information.
Item 8. Change in Seed Certification Standards

Statement: The revision of Rule 27-190 General Certification Standards, IV. Application for Certification, D. is being requested to deal with a few applicants who are habitually late in filing applications each year and to provide for assessment charges to cover the additional costs of special trips for inspection of crops on late applications. This revision was recommended by the Seed Certification Advisory Committee at its February 4, 1985 meeting. The proposed revision and notice of public hearing was published in the State Register on February 22, 1985. Notice of the public hearing on this proposed revision was mailed to all persons in South Carolina known to be interested. No one attended the hearing and to date there have been no comments received in regard to the proposed revision. The additional fee of $20.00 currently assessed on late applications has been in effect since approval by the Board of Trustees in 1977. This fee is no longer adequate to cover the cost of special trips for inspections on late applications and is not an effective deterrent to late applications.

The Seed Certification Advisory Committee recommended replacing the $20.00 late fee with a $50.00 late fee and assessing an additional 50 cents per acre charge on late applications as defined by the proposed standard revision. Approval by the Board is recommended by the Administration for the proposed regulation revision to be submitted to the Legislative Council as a final form regulation.

Recommendation of the Administration: That the Board approve the proposed regulation change.

Board Action: Approved

Item 9. Boll Weevil Eradication/Suppression Program

Statement: With the approval of the State Crop Pest Commission, a referendum was held in January 1983 to determine whether or not the cotton farmers of South Carolina wished to assess themselves for the purpose of conducting a Boll Weevil Eradication Program for a period of three years. The referendum passed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

The program has been highly successful and boll weevil populations are non-existent in many areas and extremely low in buffer areas. In order to carry out a containment program, it again became necessary to have a referendum to cover an additional three-year program.

The Administration, through the Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs and the Plant Pest Regulatory Service recommended that this referendum be conducted on March
15, 1985. The procedure would follow the same pattern as the 1983 referendum with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS) actually mailing the ballot and counting the vote. By mail ballot action of February 19, 1985, the State Crop Pest Commission approved the Administration's recommendation and the referendum was conducted on March 15, 1985.

Recommendation of the Administration: That the mail ballot action of the State Crop Pest Commission of February 19, 1985 be confirmed and ratified for the record.

Board Action: Confirmed and ratified. NOTE: Trustee Robert R. Coker was accorded the opportunity to describe the success which has been achieved in South Carolina under the Boll Weevil Eradication/Suppression Program and the Board of Trustees unanimously noted for the record its appreciation for the leading role that Mr. Coker has played in bringing the program to South Carolina and encouraging its continuation.

Item 10. Imposition of Fine by Fertilizer Board of Control

Statement: The Department of Fertilizer Inspection and Analysis submitted a report of weight irregularity noted by its inspection of one company. A penalty was recommended based on the extent of variance in weight and on the degree to which the content varied from the specifications stated on the label. The penalty recommended was deemed to be in line with past practice by the Fertilizer Board of Control. By mail ballot of March 26, 1985, the Fertilizer Board of Control of the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Administration that the penalty be imposed.

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees confirm and ratify for the record the mail ballot action of March 26, 1985.

Board Action: Confirmed and ratified.

Item 11. Lease for South Carolina Foundation Seed Association

Statement: Following is an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 25, 1985.

"Recommendation of the Administration: That negotiations for an appropriate lease be entered into with the Foundation Seed Association and that the Administration be authorized to negotiate a lease with the Foundation Seed Association to include a reverter clause if the facility were ever to be used for other than the presently intended purpose and also a clause to ensure
the architectural compatibility of the structure and its related areas to adjacent existing and planned facilities of the University.

Board Action: Approved

Recommendation of the Administration: That the Board approve the attached lease (Attachment C) and authorize approval and execution by the Chairman.

Board Action: Approved

Item 12. Annual Meeting of the Board

Statement: Mr. Mickel moved and Mr. Bostic seconded the following motion:

"That the Summer meeting of the Board is extremely important -- naming the Interim President -- that the meeting be held at Clemson Saturday, June 29, at 10 A.M.;

"And Further, the time, place or date cannot be changed without two-thirds concurrence by Trustees."

Board Action: Approved

Item 13. Statutory Roll Call Vote

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED that all measures and recommendations made at this, the April 12, 1985 meeting, which according to the Bylaws require a roll call vote of nine or more members, be hereby adopted and confirmed, and that the Vice President for Business and Finance be authorized to issue his checks for all expenditures authorized at this meeting.

Board Action: The Resolution was adopted with eleven members present voting "Aye."

Item 14. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. McDevitt
Secretary of the Board of Trustees