πIowa Nutrient Research Center Advisory Council

August 6, 2014

Hansen Ag Student Learning Center, Room 1126

2516 Mortensen Road

Ames, Iowa

9:00 am – Wendy Wintersteen called the meeting to order.

Introductions of Advisory Council members and Interim Center Director

1. John Lawrence, interim Director, Iowa Nutrient Research Center (and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ANR Director, ISU Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University)
2. Greg Brenneman, Agricultural Engineering Extension Field Specialist, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
3. James Gillespie, Director, Division of Soil Conservation, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
4. Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
5. Daryl Smith, Tallgrass Prairie Center, and Professor of Biology, University of Northern Iowa
6. Keith Summerville, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Drake University]
7. Bruce Trautman, Deputy Director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
8. Larry Weber, Director, Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research (IIHR) – Hydroscience and Engineering, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Edwin Green Chair in Hydraulics, University of Iowa;
9. Wendy Wintersteen, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University

Citizens attending the meeting also introduced included:

1. Wayne Humphreys, farmer representing Iowa Corn Growers Association
2. Ben Gleason, staff, Iowa Corn Growers Association
3. Andy Lenssen, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University
4. Brian Gelder, Associate Scientist, Department of Ag and Biosystems Engineering, Iowa State University
5. Tom Isenhart, Professor, Department NREM, Iowa State University

The September 2013 minutes were approved by the Council.

Lawrence reviewed the budget showing funds approved by the Iowa Legislature, funds allocated to the first and second year of 2014 projects, operating funds and funding remaining for 2015 projects and operations.

The Regents Researchers conference was held May 15 at Grinnell College. Researchers that received funding in FY14 presented a progress report on their work. After lunch researchers divided into three groups to discuss remaining gaps and opportunities for collaboration. Feedback from this discussion impacted the Request for Proposals submitted by the Center. The RFP was distributed to researchers attending the conference and to a point of contact at each university. Proposals were due to John Lawrence by June 30, 2014.

A science review panel representing faculty at each university reviewed the submitted proposals and recommended 8 proposals for funding and two proposals were tentatively recommended provided the director works with the PIs to address concerns raised by the panel. The director will contact the PIs of all projects to inform them of the director's decision and will gather any additional information required.

The approved proposals were shared with the advisory council and discussion ensued. The advisory council encouraged Lawrence to prepare communication material about the progress of the projects to be shared with the farm media, legislature and public media.

Jim Gillespie moved to adjourn the meeting, Greg Brenneman moved to 2nd the motion, and all members voted yes to adjourn the meeting.