

Minutes of Board Meeting

November 16, 1929.

Board of Regents met in the office of President Cherry 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, November 16, 1929.

The roll call showed that there were present, State Superintendent W. C. Bell, ex-officio Chairman, Mr. Sterrett Cuthbertson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. M. O. Hughes, with President Cherry.

Upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second from Mr. Hughes the reading of the minutes was postponed, all others concurring in the suggestion.

Judge Harlin was absent because of illness and Col. Bassett because of the serious illness of his wife.

After a discussion by the Board of the best means of developing the demonstration farm, the head of the agriculture department, Dr. M. C. Ford was invited to come before the Board and make recommendations, which he did, whereupon the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION

First. That the farm of sixty acres adjoining the college campus be converted into an agricultural campus and planted in permanent pastures and shade trees; that suitable buildings be erected (if such do not now exist) to include an agricultural pavilion and barn room for dairy and beef cattle, including silo; that adequate provisions be made for hogs, sheep and poultry in amounts sufficient to meet the needs of instructional purposes in livestock judging and husbandry; that this farm and its facilities be used for instructional purposes only and that the expense of maintenance of farm herds and flocks be entered as a charge against instruction.

Second. That the sixty-acre farm, two miles south of Bowling Green, on the Nashville Pike, known as the Miller farm, be used as a field laboratory for soils and agronomic plots to provide instructional facilities in these fields; that adequate nursery stock be provided for campus replacement; and that silage corn and other necessary supplies for the campus farm be produced.

Third. That the Ogden farm of 120 acres, located east of town, be used for truck gardening purposes as a base of supply for provisions for the dormitory and that feed for livestock be grown on the remaining area.

Fourth. That the Covington farm of 560 acres, four miles south of town, be run as a soil building demonstration farm and for the purpose of producing feed for the production herds of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep and hogs which may be kept to furnish supplies to the dormitory and as a means of instructing students of agriculture in the science and art of a production agriculture.

Fifth. That farms No. 2, 3 and 4, as described above be operated on a production basis with cost account records maintained and all cost of production be charged against these respective farms and all sales of products be credited to the same, it being the purpose of these farms to carry all production cost and to yield a profit where possible.

Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson. It was unanimously passed.

Dr. Ford presented a report on the work of the Federal Agricultural and Home Economics department, showing a graphic chart as to the centers of influence now reached by our graduates.

Mr. Cuthbertson moved that the endorsement of the Board on the work that is being done through the department by the Federal Board be reaffirmed and that the Board express its desire that the same arrangement now in existence be continued. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and passed, all voting aye.

President Cherry called attention to the blue prints recently completed by the Landscape Artist, Mr. Henry Wright.

It was moved by Mr. Cuthbertson that the report of the survey made by Mr. Robert Brashear, as heretofore ordered by the Board be accepted and ratified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously passed, all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Cuthbertson was then asked to make a report on the status of the electrical arrangements of the Hill, which he did. After a discussion it was moved by Mr. Hughes that:

In the opinion of the Board, in view of the charge made to other institutions and other places by the same company furnishing electricity to us and in view of the amount we consume, we should have a contract at not more than three cents per kilowatt.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson and unanimously passed.

The Executive Committee was authorized to investigate the possibility of constructing a plant of our own and to make the best contract possible.

Mr. Cuthbertson moved that the Board approve the construction and installation of the marble fountain in front of the Library Building and that the bills incident to this work be paid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously passed, all voting aye upon roll call.

Upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second by Mr. Hughes the Board approved the work that has been done to develop the Italian Garden and ordered that the bills for it be paid. The roll was called and all voted yes.

President Cherry made a statement on the general condition of the institution and was heartily congratulated by the Board.

Just here Superintendent Bell asked for and used a few minutes to emphasize the value of the chapel exercises here which he said did more to create and perpetuate the spirit of the Hill than any other factor.

The Board requested Mr. Hines, the Engineer of the Hill, to come before them to make recommendations concerning the erection of coal bins and an elevator at the heating plant, which he did.

After a thorough discussion Mr. Cuthbertson moved that Captain Davis in connection with Mr. Hines put these suggestions into effect. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and passed.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board adjourned.

Walter H. Hines
Secretary

W. C. Bell
Chairman