MSU Extension and AgBioResearch State Council June 2016 Webinar Notes

# AgBioResearch Update

Dates of Field Days – Katie will send out dates

Relocation and building and expansion of Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center

* Donations from the community – finishing up the education and outreach building on the site.
* Ribbon cutting July 18 to officially open the facility.
* Adding some additional land - Many people who want to do research
* Gift from partners to purchase land.

Partnership: Michigan Tree Fruit Commission

* Apples, cherries, plums and peaches
* Rebuilding the infrastructure of current research facilities

Partnership: Michigan Milk Producers Association

* Last week 100 year anniversary of first meeting with event
* Donate $100,000 toward research for M-AAA

Allocation for next year’s budget in House and Senate

* $899,000 allocation to support the M-AAA, $500k is one time, and the other is recurring
* Strengthen relationship with animal industry
* Money in higher ed budget for the DCPAH
* Thank you to Farm Bureau and those in the Dairy Industry advocating

2.3% Increase proposed for ABR and MSUE

* Holding at this increase
* 5 straight years of increase is great news
* Able to hire – most positions that come open we can replace
* Agronomist hired
* Hires in tree fruit
* Talented and bright new people – quality people attracted to this university

# Extension Update

Reinvestments in Positions across the State

* Funded in multiple ways
* Tree fruit educator position – partially funded by Michigan Tree Fruit Commission – early fall
* Gratiot environmental quality
* Field crops in UP (Delta) and one in SE Michigan
* Sea Grant position – eastern and upper UP, joint with Lake Superior State
* 4-H, nutrition roles – funded through county partners
* Continual reinvestments in county government.

Dr. Thomas Lyons new Director of the MSU Product Center

* National presence in entrepreneurship
* Press release end of this week or early next week.

Schoolcraft County and Oscoda

* Historically without MSU Extension presence
* January 1, Schoolcraft – 2 staff now housed there, school district provided office space, resources, and clerical work – seeking to grow
* Received an invitation to do an Oscoda presentation in front of the board – working hard to build relationships – hoping to reinvest in the partnership – June 14.

Flint

* Grant resources and others for positions, out of office space for new positions, and working with partners to find office space and infrastructure support
* Great example of success
* 22 positions dedicated to Flint and Genesee County – working to help the community affected by the Flint Water Crisis.
* MSU is a trusted resource. Working to help re-establish trust with other organizations.

Issues ID

* Help us to shore up our data set
* We have identified areas where we did not have enough input – so we will have additional focus groups, research and survey work with underserved populations.
* Once that is underway, we will integrate data and provide full report.
* Roll out this summer and hopefully by late fall/early winter, provide full report.

We have to be able to show that we add value across the entire state.

My Spartan Impact – university-wide look at the programs highlighted – majority come directly out of MSU Extension and the College of Ag. We’re all part of the same team.

Vote in Tuscola

* Millage vote this past spring for MSU Extension
* Overwhelmingly supported – question passed in all districts – 76% pass rate.
* Michigan Farm Bureau, 4-H, community service, Friends of Extension, local schools – all showed overwhelming support.
* Jim Will – thank you for the role that you played

New Dean

* July 1 – Ron Hendrick will be here as Dean.

August Millages

* Alger
* Luce
* Shaiwasee
* Alcona
* Iosco
* New Millage in Dickinson County

# Member Updates

District 1 – Joe B

* 3 hires – 4-H program coordinators
* Marquette full time coordinator
* Exploration Days
* Summer Fair Season – 4-H setting up
* Thanks to Paul Putnam

District 3 – Bernie Ware

* Human Med partnership – pediatric nutrition and prenatal
* University and extension seeking out new partnerships in area, bringing community based research

Bill Anderson – 5

* Lake County Food Council – improving access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
* Stronger Economies Together – USDA initiative – economic development program working cooperatively

Kathy Methner – D6

* Food safety – food preservation
* Exploration Days
* County fairs
* District 6 – master gardener class in Cadillac
* Annual reports finishing up

Nora Balgoyen-Williams – D7

* Annual Reports – completed and given, went well
* Migrant family programs for accessing childcare – change at office of migrant affairs – childcare while they work – flyers shared with families
* Training on Master Naturalist Program – meet twice a month, April – August
* Money Management series in June 1, 2016
* Inheritance class – June 7

Lynn Mason – D8

* Food safety, money management, financial education, social emotional health and shows contacts for 4-H.

Darrell – District 11

* Oakland County

Londa Pickles - D

* 4 educator positions
  + Field crops
  + Nutrition
* Children and Youth – Exploration Days
* July Fair
* Public Policy working with local economic development branch on a strategic planning initiative for Lenawee County
* August 27 – Hart Family Farm in Hudson will be hosting Breakfast on the Farm

Gary Voogt - Livestock

* Michigan Beef Checkoff failed to go forward

Steve Yanni

* New Sea Grant in eastern UP – located at Lake Superior State University
* Thanks to three Extension employees in Bay Mills college strategic plan – Brad Neuman, Ann Chastain and John Amrein \
* Federally recognized tribes Extension program: Catherine O’Donnell resurgence in the program. Seeing momentum in the program.
* CEC is coming to Sault Saint Marie. (Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities)

Scott Ferry

* Processing of milk – significant challenge to all cooperatives and dairy farmers trying to get their milk to the processing plants
* Talks of potential partnership to try and relieve the pressure
* Crops planted
* First hay completed

John Mossner

* Dedication on July 18
* August 24 – Ag Innovation Day 9:00am
  + Farm related projects that will be conducted
  + University working with the industry to do education
  + Targeted at soils
* Education center – impressive

Doug Bovin

* Lake Superior – Rob Wiener great program for youth
* Jim Islieb great job with webinars for New Farmer Series
* Chattam and UP research and Extension Center – Ashley McFarland and team doing great research and Extension
* Field day is the end of July, Saturday July 30.

# Announcements

* Fall meeting in Cadillac
  + Travel in Tuesday evening
  + Full day on Wednesday
  + Thursday will end in the later afternoon
* Webinar – November 30 at 10:00am
* Spring Meeting, Lansing, MI Feb 29-March 1.