

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

COLLEGE.

Jan. 19th. 1910.....2:00 P.M.

Present: President Snyder, Messrs. Graham, Waterbury, and Doherty.

No quorum being present, the meeting adjourned.

A.M. Brown Secy

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

St. Clair Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

Feb. 16th, 1910.....1:00 P.M.

Present: President Snyder, Messrs. Graham, Waterbury, and Oberdorffer.

No quorum being present, the meeting adjourned.

A.M. Brown Secy

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

DOWNEY HOUSE, LANSING, MICH.

March 16th, 1910.....4:00 P.M.

Present: President Snyder, Judge Carpenter, Messrs. Graham, Oberdorffer, and Waterbury.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, Robert D. Graham was unanimously elected chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer, A.M. Brown was unanimously elected Secretary of the Board of the College and of the Experiment Station.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, Mr. B. F. Davis was unanimously elected Treasurer.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, the appointment of the standing

committees of the Board was placed in the hands of the President and Chairman of the Board.

President Snyder presented the resignation of M. A. Yothers, which was, on motion, accepted, and the appointment of Miss Eugenia McDermid to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$800.00 per annum, approved.

Resignation
M.A.Yothers.
Appointment
Eugenia Mc
Dermid.

President Snyder recommended the appoint of Mr. Dewey A. Seeley, in charge of the Weather Bureau station at the College, as lecturer upon meteorology at a salary of \$300.00 per year.

D.A.Seeley
appointed
lecturer on
meteorology.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, the above recommendation was adopted.

President Snyder presented certain recommendations of the faculty in reference to the five year courses, upon which no action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, \$200.00 was added to the apportionment of the Botanical department.

On motion of Mr. Graham, \$600.00 was added to the apportionment of the South Haven Experiment Station.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the recommendation of President Snyder in reference to reducing the number of hours of class-room and laboratory work, was adopted.

The recommendation of President Snyder, to the effect that students wishing to room in the dormitories, shall deposit with the Secretary \$5.00 before the first day of September, was, on motion of Mr. Oberdorffer, adopted.

Deposit \$5
for room
in dormi-
tory.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the recommendation of President Snyder that the Commandant be allowed an assistant at \$500.00 per annum, was adopted.

Assistant
for Comman-
dant.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the recommendation of President Snyder in regard to a teachers' course as outlined in the following resolution of the faculty, was approved:

Teacher's
course in
Agriculture

RESOLVED; That in view of the demand for teachers of secondary Agriculture, a special opportunity be given to college graduates, and graduates of life courses of state normal schools, to secure adequate agricultural education and training in order that they may enter upon this work in connection with the public schools.

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To this end, we recommend that an opportunity be offered to teachers of at least two years successful experience, and having other necessary qualifications, to enter this institution and take the agricultural work of the four year course, or as much of it as can be accomplished in one year; and at the close of the year that such students, upon the recommendation of the faculty, be given a statement showing that they have completed certain work of the agricultural course.

President Snyder recommended a one-weeks course for country ministers to be opened July 11th, which was, on motion of Mr. Graham, adopted.

Ministers'
course.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer, authority was given to carry on general summer courses similar to those of last year.

Bonds of
Sec. & Treas.
each fixed
at \$50,000.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer were each fixed at \$50,000.00 and are to be presented to the Board for approval.

Raise Sec-
retary's
Salary.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, the salary of Mr. Brown as Secretary of the College and of the Experiment Station, was made \$1250.00 per annum.

Ag. Bldg.
accepted.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Agricultural Building was accepted, and the Secretary authorized to make final settlement with the contractor, subject to written approval by the architect.

Salary ap-
portionment
to July 1.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the apportionment for salaries up to July 1st, was made \$65,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer, the Secretary was authorized to purchase the necessary furniture and equipment for the addition to the Botanical Building.

Organiza-
tion of
officers of
Colleges in
middle west.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the University of Michigan in reference to the organization of an association of the officers in charge of the business administration of the state colleges and universities in the middle west.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary was authorized to attend meetings for such organization.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, President Snyder was authorized to make application to the Military Department of the State for 400 additional ^{guns} of the type previously furnished.

The Secretary presented a letter from C.V.R. Townsend, Land Agent of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, in reference to additional land for the Upper-Peninsula Experiment Station.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the correspondence in regard to the above matter was made a matter of record, and is as follows:

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al land for
Upper Pen-
insula Ex-
periment
Station.

Mr. C.V.R. Townsend,

Land Agent Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.,

Negunee, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Nov. 19th, 1909.

I have recently had a letter from Mr. William H. Wallace of our Board, who is very much interested in the development of the Upper Peninsula Experiment Station, and he is very insistent that there should be added to the land available for that station not less than a section. Would you consider a proposition of this kind and upon what terms? Provision could be made, of course, that in case its use were discontinued, it would revert to the original owner.

Kindly let me know at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

A.M. Brown,

Secretary.

For reply to the above letter, see Board minutes of Dec. 22d.

Dec. 11th, 1909.

Mr. C. V. R. Townsend, Land Agent,
Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.,
Neguanee, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of Nov. 24th which I shall be glad to lay before the board at its next meeting the latter part of this month, and I have no doubt that your proposition will receive favorable attention. I see no objection whatever to the mineral reservations, and of course, we shall be glad to have the timber disposed of before it comes to us anyway.

Yours truly,

A. M. Brown, Secretary.

Dec. 27th, 1909.

Mr. C. V. R. Townsend, Land Agent,
Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.,
Neguanee, Mich.

My dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, I presented your letter of November 24th, in reference to additional land for our experiment station. The Board adopted the following resolution in connection with this matter:-

"RESOLVED, That the proposition of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company as set forth in the above letter (your letter of the 24th) be accepted, provided the said company remove the timber in a straight line across the section beginning on the side next to the experiment station farm, at a rate of not less than 160 acres per year."

It is the purpose of the Board in case this land is placed in their hands, to make a demonstration of a practical way of clearing lands of this character-- such a method as settlers could make use of, and one that will not call for extravagant expenditures. In view of this, we hope that you will not be impatient if this work is not accomplished as quickly as it might be under other methods.

I understand that it is the plan, as fast as it becomes available, to burn all refuse, working in grass seed wherever possible and pasturing until the stumps can be taken out.

The purpose in asking that the timber be taken off one side clear across a section, is that the stumps on a given territory may all rot at the same time, thus facilitating the clearing up of the land.

Mr. Wallace is much interested in having this work done in the right way, and will doubtless be made chairman of the committee on the Upper Peninsula Station.

I trust that the ideas of the Board may meet with your approval and that the matter may be consummated.

Yours truly,

A.M. Brown,

Secretary.

Jan. 14th, 1910.

Mr. A. M. Brown, Sec'y,
Michigan Agricultural College,
East Lansing, Mich,

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 27th ult., and note the resolution adopted by your Board with reference to additional land for Experimental Station at Chatham. I see no reason why this matter cannot be worked out as suggested by your Board, and it would be quite easy to take off the timber as suggested.

There will be a little delay on our part in forwarding the papers to you completing this deal, on account of our President, Mr. Wm. G. Mather, being on a vacation trip in Egypt. On his return we will take the matter up promptly and get the matter in definite shape. I might state, however, that before Mr. Mather left this country, he authorized the giving to your Board the land in question under the arrangement as stated in my letters to you.

Trusting this will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

C.V.R. Townsend,

Land Agent.

Report
committee
water pipes
on Delta.

The special committee appointed to investigate the matter of the water pipes upon the College Delts, made the following report, which on motion of Mr. Graham, was adopted, subject to the approval of the Attorney General:

East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 21st, 1909,

To the State Board of Agriculture,

Gentlemen:-

Your committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Board, to report in regard to the water pipe system on the College Delta, beg leave to report as follows:-

By authority granted under the provisions of Act 212, of the Public Acts of 1897, the State Board of Agriculture was authorized to sell in lots or parcels a certain tract of land now known as the Delta. On July 6th, 1897, the Board approved of the plat of this tract of land, provided for drainage and drives, for which \$300 was appropriated, and authorized the President and Secretary to put prices on the lots to average \$130, based on the valuation of the land at \$1000, and improvements \$300. The Secretary was instructed to and did sell the lots in this plat subject to certain conditions imposed by the Board.

On April 28th, 1898, we find this record of the Board's action with reference to the water main:- "It was resolved to extend the water main to the Delta under the direction of the Secretary." From data obtained from our operating engineer, who was here at the time the pipe was laid, it is roughly estimated that the cost of laying this pipe was \$379.

It should be explained that the Board was, at that time, anxious that the members of the faculty should buy lots upon this plat and provide themselves with houses, in order to relieve the institution from further expense in that direction, and there is no doubt that the improvements that were made in the way of providing water and sewer privileges were done in order that the lots might be disposed of as above indicated. There seems to have been a verbal understanding with the parties who bought the lots, that water would be furnished to them by the college plant, and this has been done up to the time that the City of East Lansing became equipped to furnish water to residents.

On April 16th, 1903, the Board, by resolution, granted to the residents of the Delta the exclusive use of what was known as the Delta sewer, and the resolution so far as it relates to this matter is as follows:-

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the sewer known as the Delta sewer be granted the exclusive use of the residents of the Delta and is wholly transferred to them, subject only to such rights as the owners of the plat of Oakwood may establish under their contract, and that the State Board of Agriculture surrenders any further right to, or control of, the said sewer."

Attention is called to the above as showing the action of the Board in reference to the sewer that was built shortly before the water system was put in. The City of East Lansing is now pumping water through these water mains to supply the people living upon the Delta, but there has been no transfer of title nor grant of any kind placing the said water mains under the control of the city of East Lansing. The city, therefore, finds itself embarrassed regarding the closing of shut-offs and the utilization and repair of the system.

It should be further stated that these pipes are not cast iron water pipe, but ordinary black wrought pipe, the life of which is quite limited.

In view of these facts, your committee recommends that the city of East Lansing be given full control over and use of the said water pipes, and that the State Board of Agriculture be relieved from any further responsibility for them or their use.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A.M. Brown

J.L. Snyder.

The requests of Prof. Pettit and Dr. Blaisdell for certain improvements on their houses, were referred to the committee on Buildings and College Property.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the expense accounts of the Board members and the Secretary were allowed.

Mr. Graham was, on motion, authorized to sign the vouchers.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Board adjourned subject to a call of the President and Secretary upon a regular day for Board meeting.

Alfred Brown, Secy.

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

May 26th, 1910.....20:clock.P.M.

Present: President Snyder, Messrs. Graham, Doherty, Waterbury, Oberdorffer, and Supt. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, Mr. Oberdorffer was authorized to initial the vouchers for March and April.

President Snyder presented the following communications from Dean Shaw:

May 24, 1910.

President J. L. Snyder,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Three years ago the rail fence on the east side of the farm lane between the Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette Railroads was removed by the Forestry Department and has not yet been replaced. This has been a serious inconvenience to the Animal and Dairy Husbandry Departments and an annual loss of about three acres pasturage. I should like to ask that a special apportionment of \$55.00 be made to the Department of Farm and Horses to purchase and put up this fence.

Recommendation of \$55 apportionment for replacing fence.

Yours very truly,
R.S. Shaw.

May 24, 1910.

President J. L. Snyder,
East Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

The forestry department has requested that their foreman, C.F. Baker, be granted an increase in wages from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per month. The man is first class and doing excellent work as a working foreman.

Increase in salary of C.F. Baker.

Yours very truly,
R.S. Shaw.