

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division

Informational Notes

November 4, 2009
Meloland Research Station

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tommy Mills

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, Steve Burch, David Bradshaw, Ofelia Duarte

GUESTS

Candace Nelson

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

P. Pauley was notified by the insurance company that he missed the deadline for federal crop insurance. He will call them back to see what type of coverage he can get once the board decides what they will be planting. T. Mills suggests planting early Sudan instead of wheat. P. Pauley spoke with Chuck Plourd and current wheat market is \$7.50. Discussion followed. S. Burch tried to contact Jacob Polano to get feedback on growing mixed grass.

T. Mills stated that last Friday's meeting with John Lau was cancelled. He received a call from J. Lau later that evening to confirm the use of the middle field at the college for this year. He also mentioned that he would be talking to administration about using funds available to rent /lease a field (40-60 acres) and move operation off campus. Discussion followed. P. Pauley mentioned that 65 acres west of the school is for sale and they want \$5500 an acre. Ground is certified organic. If they decide to purchase/lease they need to determine if they want to keep it organic. They would also need to talk with B. Shropshire in regards to bug treatment, chemicals and fertilizer. Discussion followed.

Current field: Contact B. Shropshire regarding fertilizer. Contact Plourd regarding wheat/sudan seed.

Solar field summary: Per ASG students, company will build production facility in Ocotillo first and then build educational portion at IVC. The official word, per P. Pauley's understanding, is to plan on utilizing 35 acres at the north edge of the campus through December 2010.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Meloland Research Station

Cc: Lianna Zhao

Recorder: Ofelia Duarte