

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**April 8-9, 1919**

**For the confidential information**  
**of the Board of Trustee**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held this date at 3:30 P. M., pursuant to call, the meeting being for the purpose of electing a President, considering certain matters concerning the oil interests of the University and such other business as might properly come up at this time. The following were present:-

Mrs. Mary N. Brooks  
Dr. A. B. Hamilton  
Mr. C. P. Arnold  
Dr. W. E. Croft  
President Nelson

Mrs. Katharine A. Morton  
Mr. Chas. Beach  
Mr. C. D. Spalding  
Mr. W. C. Deming  
Mr. W. S. Ingham, Acting Secretary.

Owing to the retirement of Mrs. David, the President, Dr. Hamilton, the Vice President called the meeting to order.

President Nelson invited the members of the Board to attend the University Assembly at four o'clock and also invited them to take dinner at his home in the evening.

Upon motion, it was decided that the Board attend the Assembly and accept President Nelson's kind invitation for dinner.

Dr. Hamilton announced the purpose of calling this meeting of the Board and the Secretary read the formal notice sent out to the members. It was moved that we proceed to organization and the motion duly prevailed. Dr. Hamilton then announced that the nominations for President of the Board were in order. Dr. Hamilton was nominated as President of the Board and this nomination was seconded. It was moved that the nominations be declared closed and a call made for an aye and no vote. Mrs. Brooks declared Dr. Hamilton unanimously elected to the office of President of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hamilton asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board, that office being rendered vacant on account of his election to the President's chair. Mr. Deming was nominated. Upon motion, nominations were closed and the Secretary requested to cast the unanimous vote of the Board, electing Mr. Deming as Vice President.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 29th and thos of Sept. 5th, also thos of the semi-annual meeting of Dec. 10th, 1918, were read by the Secretary and approved.

The matter of the refunding of railroad fares to students taking work in teaching was discussed.

President Nelson asked for five minutes in which to present a matter connected with the campus. He stated that there were about two acres of land on Thornburg Street, cutting into the University Campus on its southeast corner. President Duniway had been desirous of purchasing these building lots in order to add land to the Campus, but little had been done in the matter beyond the obtaining of prices on the lots. President Nelson stated that building operations were beginning upon these lots and that if the ground was to be purchased by the University, action must be taken now, as it would not be possible to buy the land when houses were built thereon. A discussion followed, and upon motion, a Committee consisting of Mr. Arnold, Dr. Croft, Mr. Beach and Mr. Deming, was appointed to investigate the matter and to report the next morning.

Adjournment was then taken until 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 with the same members present as in the afternoon.

President Nelson read his report which called attention to the building program, to the proceedings of the late legislature, to the war program of the University, to the labor situation at the University and to the problem presented by the Heating Plant, also to Faculty appointments and leaves of absence, etc.

President Nelson stated that Dr. J. W. Scott had been working for several years in research upon certain diseases of animals and that he now found it necessary to do special work and obtain certain library facilities which were not available here. The proposal came from Dr. Scott thru Dean Faville, that Mr. O'Roke, Assistant to Dr. Scott, who was also paid out of the Morrill Fund, and who was now working half time as Instructor and half time on research work, be placed full time upon instruction, and that Dr. Scott be placed full time upon research work, and be given permission to study at a larger institution. President Nelson stated that this was equivalent to the Board instructing Dr. Scott to do his work at another Institution under full pay.

A letter was also read from Dean Faville, stating that Dr. True, Director of the Adams Fund work, was in favor of the proposal and that it would be quite possible to pay Dr. Scott's salary entirely from the Adams Fund. Upon motion, the following decision was made:-

"Moved and carried that Dr. Scott, who has conducted a series of experiments in the origin and treatment of certain diseases of domestic animals, be instructed by the President to conduct such further and final experiments as may be necessary to carry on his said work to a conclusion at such place, other than the University of Wyoming, which will afford facilities lacking here. He shall make monthly reports to the President and comply with such further orders as the Board of Trustees may make in the premises."

President Nelson stated that Dean Butterworth of the College of Education had received a flattering offer from the University of Illinois for a series of lectures during its summer school. The position also carries opportunities for study. Dean Butterworth was desirous of accepting this offer but his acceptance would leave the position as Director of the Summer School vacant. President Nelson stated that either Professor Eby or Professor Coxen could take up Dr. Butterworth's work in the Summer School, or, as the summer school work was well along in preparation, the executive work might be handled thru the President's Office. Dr. Butterworth would expect to return in September. The following motion was made and carried:-

"The application of Dr. Butterworth for leave to attend the Summer School of the University of Illinois for the purpose of giving a course of lectures at that Institution, is hereby granted, provided, however, that \$120.00 be withheld from his annual salary, said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary to be subject to the disposition of the President in the conduct of the next session of our Summer School."

President Nelson made the following recommendations for appointments:-

Miss Olea M. Sands, to the position of County Home Demonstration Agent, for Niobrara County, at a salary of \$1,400.00 per annum and expenses, effective April 1st, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. John Jay Marshall, as County Club Leader, Sheridan County, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, effective April 15th, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. Lester A. Richardson, County Club Leader, Lincoln County, at a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum and official expenses, effective March 1st, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. J. L. Robinson, re-appointed as an instructor and assistant agronomist for the remainder of the fiscal year, at a salary of \$1,500. per annum, effective April 1st, 1919.

Mr. Gerald M. Penley, County Agricultural Agent, Natrona County, at a salary of \$1,800. per annum, and official expenses, effective April 1st, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. F. P. Lane, to the position of State Leader of County Agricultural Agents, at a salary of \$2,500. per annum, effective April 10th, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. Willis Pierre Duruz, to the position of Emergency County Club Leader, of Fremont County, at a salary of \$150.00 per month and expenses of \$60.00 per month, effective April 10th, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

Mr. Arthur E. Hyde, to the position of County Agent in Campbell County, at a salary of \$2000. per annum and official expenses, effective April 15th, 1919, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1919.

A discussion on the work of County Agents, Boys' and Girls' Club Workers, and County Home Demonstration Agents, followed. Upon motion, the recommendations of appointments as presented by President Nelson, were approved.

President Nelson also recommended that the salary of Mr. Hobson should be increased in accordance with the recommendation of Dean Faville. Upon motion, this recommendation was also approved.

The President stated that Mr. Robinson was to be reinstated as Assistant in the Department of Agronomy, and also as Instructor.



Upon motion this was also approved.

It was moved that we dispense with the purchase of the additional ground in the southeast corner of the campus. This was seconded and carried.

The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees from Geo. A. Walker, concerning the Walker Lease in the Big Muddy Field. The Secretary was directed to place the letter on file.

The Board then took up the matter of the several applications for sand and gravel leases on Section 12-20-77. After a discussion it was moved, seconded and carried, that the matter be placed in the hands of Dr. Hamilton for special consideration to the end that we neither prevent the Rock River community from their operations, or cause damage to the present lessees of the land.

A request was read from Mayor Iverson, asking that the City of Laramie be allowed to haul gravel from University land at the Stock Farm, the City agreeing to pay for the same. Upon motion, Dr. Hamilton was asked to see to this matter also, and the Executive Committee was given the power to act.

The Secretary stated that the matter of the application for a lease upon the section of land covered by the Woods Lease for - Lots 3 and 4;  $S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$ :  $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ : of Sec. 5: Lot 1:  $SE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$ :  $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 6, Twp. 33 North, Range 76 West, in the Big Muddy Field, was still pending from the last Executive Committee meeting. Upon motion, it was decided to grant the lease in accordance with the bid to The Dakota-Wyoming Oil & Gas Co.

Mr. Corthell appeared before the Committee and read a letter from Mr. Percy A. Williams, Superintendent of the Associated Oil Company of California, which Company holds a lease on Section 12, Township 20, Range 77, best known as the Eby Lease in the Rock River Field, under an agreement now in escrow at the Albany National Bank. The letter stated that work had been begun upon the land by the erection of a drilling rig upon this section and he also enumerated other improvements which were being carried out. Mr. Eby asked on behalf of Mr. Williams, that the University Board permit the Associated Oil Company to move its rig, now on section 12, to the 120 acre claim of the same Company, in the

in the immediate neighborhood, the Associated Oil Company, agreeing to give the University the same royalty from the 120 acre claim in case oil was found there, as upon section 12, township 20 north, range 77 west, if the Board would permit the Company to drill a well on the claim before performing the necessary work upon section 12. The agreement in escrow at the bank stated that work must begin upon section 12, on or before April 15th. The matter was discussed with Mr. Corthell by the Board and upon motion, Mr. Deming was appointed chairman of a Committee to confer with Mr. Corthell in this matter.

It being 11:15 P. M., adjournment was then taken until 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning the Board again convened at 8:30 o'clock. The Secretary stated that the fee for the advertising of land for oil and gas leases which heretofore had been \$10.00, was not now adequate, owing to the raise in rates for local advertising. Upon motion, it was decided to raise the required deposit to \$20.00 on each lease.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Paulhamus in regard to the salary of her late husband for the month of September, 1918. Upon motion, the Secretary was directed to pay the salary for the month of September, 1918.

The Secretary stated that a check had been received from the Inland Oil Com., as payment for the second year rental upon the Sloan Section for the South Half of the Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of Section 24, township 20, Range 78, Carbon County, in the Rock River field. The Secretary advised that he had inquired of the State Land Commissioner as to whether any such rent was due and found it was not. The Secretary was, therefore, instructed to return the check, if he was satisfied that it was a mistake.

Prof. S. H. Knight was then asked to appear before the Board and explain some interesting maps, etc. he had prepared, showing the location of wells upon University lands in the Muddy Creek field, also geographic representations of curves of royalty revenue derived from the field as compared with the development of wells in the field. The Board was much interested in the conditions as shown by the curves and there was considerable discussion. Upon motion, it was decided that Professor Knight be asked to continue his investigations

and that under the direction of President Nelson, he work with an assistant, the board to continue to back him up with all means in its hands.

Mr. Arnold then addressed the Board upon the present conflict of authority between the Board of Trustees of the University and the Wyoming State Land Board.

The following motion prevailed:-

"That Mr. Deming be asked to confer with the State Land Board officials, as to their construction of the laws of the State upon the authority of the two Boards."

Upon the suggestion of the other members of the Board, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Spalding were asked to assist Mr. Deming in the matter. The Committee was requested to report at the June Meeting of the Board.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. Lee, former Land Commissioner, dated January 25th, to which was attached a transcript of the Minutes of the State Land Board of January 21st, 1919, in regard to the purchase of state royalty oils by the Mutual Oil & Refining Company of Glenrock. This shows the position taken by the State Land Board in the turning over also of the royalty oil from University lands to the Mutual Oil Company. Mr. Deming's Committee was requested to take this matter under advisement also.

It was moved that the form of University oil and gas lease be examined with a view to its definiteness in regard to requirements. Upon motion, Mr. Arnold was made a Committee of one to confer with attorney N. E. Corthell in this matter.

The matter of the procedure in relation to making of oil and gas leases was brought up by Mrs. Morton and that portion of the minutes of the Board meeting of February, 1916, were read. The Secretary stated that the leases had not been sent to the State Land Board before their consideration by the University Board, but that this matter had been taken up by the Secretary with the State Land Board, and that all leases would in the future follow the routine prescribed by this motion.

A report in the form of a letter, dated April 8th, from The Laramie Plains Shale Refining & Oil Company, was then read. Also a request from Mr. Wolfe with check attached, that the same land, covering the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 22, Township 19, Range 78, be advertised for bids for an oil and gas lease.



It was moved that the lease of The Laramie Plains Shale Refining & Oil Company, upon section 22 be cancelled for non-compliance with the terms of the Contract and that the Secretary be authorized to advertise the land for an oil and gas lease, in accordance with the request of Mr. Wolfe, but to state in the advertisement that no smaller royalty than 20% would be accepted.

The Secretary read a letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands, stating that Mr. Merle N. Poe, wished to obtain an oil and gas lease on Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 75 West, which is University land, and stating that the applicant had forwarded one dollar (\$1.00) for advertising fees. This matter was left for the decision of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary read a communication from Messrs. Stansbury & Stansbury of Douglas, Wyoming, in regard to the Coal Lease for Messrs. Melton & Dano. This matter was also turned over to the Executive Committee for action.

The Secretary read requests from the First National Bank of this City, the Albany National Bank, and the First State Bank, asking for appointments as depositories of University funds. Each application had attached the latest statement of the bank. Upon motion, each of these three banks were appointed as depositories of University funds.

A letter from Mrs. E. T. David, was read, asking that as much as possible of the University permanent land fund moneys be invested in the Fifth Liberty Loan and that this be credited to the State Women's Committee. Upon motion, this was agreed upon and the Executive Committee authorized to invest the funds in accordance with this request. Carried.

Mr. Denning, the Chairman of the Committee which was to discuss the request of the Associated Oil Company with Mr. Corthell, reported that no change should be made. Upon motion, the Chairman of the Board was also requested to confer with Mr. Corthell on the matter. at 10:35 A. M. The committee adjourned to inspect the University Heating Plant.

At 11:15 A. M., the Committee was called to order again, there being present to appear before the Committee, Professor Hoefer, Mr. Bernzen of the City Plumbing & Heating Company of Boulder, Mr. Gunlick a Boiler Expert and Mr. S. G. Elby a Mechanical Stoker expert.

Mr. Elby stated that these gentlemen wished to submit tentative plans for a new heating plant for the University. These plans contemplated the immediate installation of three 150 H. P. boilers with provision for a fourth boiler. A concrete smoke stack 130 feet, mechanical stokers, a mechanical method for the disposition of ashes - a storage capacity of from 150 to 200 tons of coal in the building were provided for. Mr. Gunlick addressed the Board on the general construction of boilers and Mr. Bernzen also addressed them, stating that should they decide to install a new heating plant, his Company would like to do the work upon a percentage basis. Professor Hoefer spoke of the benefit which such a plant as that proposed would be as a laboratory for his engineering students. The matter of the heating plant problem was then discussed at length. It being noon, the board adjourned to meet again at 1:30.

At 1:45 the Board was called to order, there being present, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Beach, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Deming and President Nelson.

The heating plant question was again discussed. Upon motion, the following decision was made:-

"Whereas, the heating plant of the University of Wyoming is considerably out of repair and to some extent inadequate to present demands in a normal winter season, and whereas the available building funds are insufficient to install a complete modern plant, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of this Board, be hereby directed to have a careful and minute interior and exterior inspection made of the plant, that competent engineers be consulted and when satisfactory data is at hand, that a contract be awarded for necessary repairs. The Committee is also authorized to investigate the addition of one new boiler suitable for use in a new plant if such a plan is practicable and make report to the board."

Mr. Corthell asked for a few minutes consultation with the Board and presented the following summary of the moneys on hand in the University Permanent Fund:-

1919		
Feb. 1,	Bal. on hand-----	\$76,000.00
Apr. 1,	Est. Amt. on hand-----	125,000.00
May 10,	" " " " (includes May receipts)-----	175,000.00
Nov. 10,	" " " " " " "-----	325,000.00

Mr. Corthell stated, that agreeing to this summary, after providing for all local securities likely to be available for School and University Funds in 1919, he estimated that \$250,000. of University funds would be available for the Fifth Liberty Loan.

He also stated that County and State Bonds would probably pay only  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ , while the fifth loan would probably pay interest at the rate of  $4-3\frac{1}{4}\%$ . The following motion prevailed:-

"The Executive Committee is hereby authorized to request the State Treasurer on behalf of the Board, to subscribe for as large an amount of the U. S. Bonds of the Fifth Liberty Loan as in the judgment of the Executive Committee circumstances may warrant."

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to purchase such a team or truck for use on the University campus as might seem best.

Upon motion, it was decided to grant an extension of time to the Executors of the F. W. Murphy Estate for work on their lease.

Upon motion, Mrs. Brooks was appointed as chairman of a committee to draw up the resolutions of the Board of their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Mary B. David as President of the Board during the past year and a half.

President Hamilton appointed Mr. C. P. Arnold and Mr. C. D. Spalding as the other two members of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Morton addressed the Board upon the need of co-operation between the State Board of Education and the University Board. She stated that it was the desire of the State Board of Education to co-operate in every way with the University Board. President Nelson replied to Mrs. Morton, stating that the University wished to obtain the fullest help from the State Board and the State Superintendent. Mr. Morton stated that the State Educational officials were very willing to help the University and were thoroughly in sympathy with this institution.

Mrs. Brooks at this time presented the resolution drawn up for the Board in appreciation of the services of Mrs. David. They are as follows:-

"The Trustees of the University wish to express their appreciation of the fine spirit and enthusiasm of Mrs. Mary B. David in her work as President of the Board, and to assure her that her retirement is deeply regretted."

Upon motion, this resolution was approved by the Board and the Secretary was accordingly directed to forward a copy of the same to Mrs. David.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet on June 16th, 1919.