

## Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2025 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority

The OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority convened a regular meeting at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 in the Alumni Conference Room, McElroy Hall, OSU College of Veterinary Medicine, 115 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Oklahoma Secretary of State consistent with the open meetings guidelines, and the agenda was posted at 115 McElroy Hall prior to the meeting in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

### I. Call to Order, Acknowledgement of Meeting Filing and Establishment of a Quorum

Chair Arthur called the meeting to order at 10:01am. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Blayne Arthur, L. D. Barker, Joe Hall, Jerry Ritchey, Richard Prather, Troy Shelby, Phil Wood, Jeff Stroup

ABSENT: None

Chair Arthur welcomed Regent Chairman Jimmy Harrel and President Hess and thanked them for being there.

### II. Discussion and Possible Vote for the Approval of Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Meeting of the Authority

Chair Arthur asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 28, 2025 Authority meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Troy Shelby.

AYES – Arthur, Barker, Hall, Ritchey, Prather, Wood and Shelby

NAYS – None

### III. Report and Overview of OSU – President Jim Hess

President Hess introduced Dr. Stroup and thanked him for taking his place as CEO for the Authority.

President Hess said his number one priority is the College of Veterinary Medicine. This is the last 30 days of the legislative session which is a critical time. He and Chairman Harrel have been at the Capitol several times during this session presenting the proposal for the College of Vet Med. President Hess thanked the Alumni for also being at the Capitol to support the proposal. He also thanked Authority members for continuing to inform others about College of Vet Med needs.

President Hess also pointed out that the new Colleges of Veterinary Medicine are not establishing teaching hospitals. OSU's Veterinary Hospital will help with recruiting and assure a continuity of training.

Chairman Harrel met with the Speaker of the House, the Finance Chair of the House, the Senate Pro Tem, and the Finance Chair of the Senate and stressed that OSU wants to be a first-rate facility and be ranked number one again.

Vice Chair Hall thanked Chairman Harrel for his passion, time and effort.

#### IV. Report and Overview of College of Veterinary Medicine Status – Interim Dean Jerry Ritchey

##### a. Status and update report on the College of Veterinary Medicine

Interim Dean Ritchey presented a power point presentation.

##### Admissions changes include:

- Class of 2029 is taking shape with 67 of 69 in-state slots filled and 32 of 37 out-of-state slots filled. Final seats will be filled after June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Director of Pre-veterinary and Graduate Student Initiatives will increase quantity and quality of pre-veterinary applicants with focus on rural students and develop a bridge to the DVM program

##### Accreditation:

- The Probationary label was removed from OSU-CVM Accreditation with a note that some areas have been renovated and others will be renovated or built when funding is received.

##### Hospital:

- The number of Veterinary Hospital cases is increasing.
- A Practice Consultant is coming in every month to make suggestions and monitor progress
- An RFP for Marketing/Advertising was released on April 21<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of implementation of strategy and help with branding.
- Review Tree surveys were encouraging –  
121 external reviews – 4.2/5.0 stars  
318 internal reviews – 95% happy, 2.8% neutral, 1.9% unhappy
- Reassessing the roles of Service Chiefs
- Forming COMPASS – Committee on Operational Management, Policies, and Advising for Strategic Success. Their goal is to ensure the OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital maintains excellence in patient care, teaching, client relations, financial sustainability and overall hospital operations.
- Pre-Vet Students continue to sign up to help with cleaning duties. The Barn Crew has helped tremendously with the clutter problem.

##### Hiring:

- An offer has been made to an Epidemiologist
- Interviews have been scheduled for 4 candidates for the Pathologist position
- An offer has been accepted for the Physical Science Department Head
- Last finalist interview for Research Scientist/Sitlington Chair will be scheduled in May

Other offers that have been accepted in Veterinary Clinical Sciences:

Anesthesiologist  
Small Animal Emergency Room Clinician  
Small Animal Internal Medicine/alternate route resident  
Large Animal Clinical Skills Clinician  
Large Animal Emergency Veterinarian  
Zoo/Wildlife Clinician

## Pharmacist

Several other positions are open and in the interview process.

### Project Planning:

- Designs nearly complete for the Equine Ranch
- Conceptual design and programming has been completed for the OADDL

### Recruiting Event:

- The OK Youth Expo is a good place to reach middle school and high school students. They had several veterinary-focused activities to encourage students to think about a career as a veterinarian.

Dr. Black reported that there has been an increase in services at the Teaching Hospital because of the addition of more clinicians, a change in reputation and an increase in emergency services. They are also continuing to collaborate with Dean Lusk and have been focused recently on the swine ranch and program. They have increased their presence at the swine facility and veterinary students go once a week to help with swine checks.

## V. Chief Executive Officer's Report and Possible Action Items

- a. Report on the request for funding from the Oklahoma Legislature for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

Dr. Stroup passed out a handout that was used by Dr. Hess and Chairman Harrel at the Capitol. The proposal shows the current size of the Veterinary Hospital and Equine Ranch and a comparison to comparable vet hospital projects. It also shows the funding request, proposed location and site plans, major equipment needs, and specialty areas and services.

Dr. Stroup reported the legislature also asked for an FY25 appropriation budget with a 2% reduction. The chart with the reduction amounts is included in the board book.

Dr. Stroup asked for a motion to support the Capitol Proposal for 2025. Richard Prather made a motion to support and Vice Chair Hall seconded.

AYES: Arthur, Barker, Hall, Ritchey, Prather, Wood and Shelby

NAYS: None

- b. Report and possible action on architectural expenses paid since January 28, 2025.

- i. No payments have been made.

Dr. Stroup presented the spreadsheet which reflects payments already made. No action was needed.

- ii. Total payments made (8/6/24 to 1/13/25) total \$230,649.46. Approval is requested to make additional payments that may occur prior to the next meeting of the Authority. Any payments authorized by the CEO will be reported to the Authority at their next regular meeting.

Dr. Stroup requested a motion for approval of interim payments. A motion for the CEO to approve additional payments for expenses that may occur prior to the next Authority meeting was made by Philip Wood and seconded by Troy Shelby.

AYES: Arthur, Barker, Hall, Ritchey, Prather, Wood and Shelby

NAYS: None

iii. Report on debt service payments to date to the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority.

Dr. Stroup reported a payment of \$3.95 million towards the \$79 million debt was made in April. We will have one more payment this year.

c. Report on the recapitalization of the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostics Laboratory (OADDL)

Dr. Stroup presented the timeline from the architects of completed and upcoming tasks for the OADDL renovation. He also presented a timeline for the Toxicology OADDL/CHS Collaboration. The Toxicology Lab is estimated to be ready and running by the end of July.

Phil Wood asked a question about the OADDL and ranch renovation projects. Dr. Stroup introduced Phil Thomas, Director of Long Range Facilities Planning. Mr. Thomas explained the two projects are parallel and are both using GH2 Architects and Manhattan Construction. However, the costs for the projects are separate.

d. Financial Report for the Animal Teaching Hospital including accruals for Authority funding – Kristi Howey

Dr. Stroup introduced Kristi Howey for the presentation of the financial report for the Animal Teaching Hospital. Kristi reported the hospital revenue is higher than last year. There was a question from the Authority about how the faculty are paid and Kristi explained that their salaries are allocated from Instruction, Research, Public Service and Institutional Support funds.

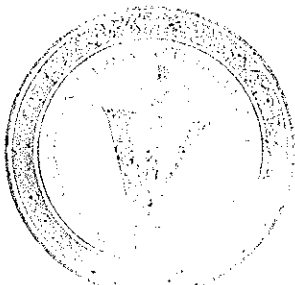
e. Financial Report of the Authority as of March 31, 2025.

Dr. Stroup presented the Financial Report of the Authority. There are no unusual expenses and no questions from the Authority.

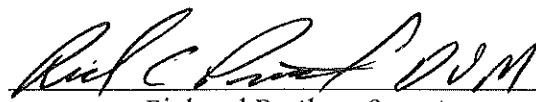
Adjournment

Chair Arthur asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Phil Wood, seconded by Richard Prather. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.



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Richard Prather, Secretary