

Ypsilanti Michigan, 9 o'clock A.M.

February 10th 1864.

Special meeting of the State Board of Agriculture; called by the Vice President in accordance with the rules of the Board.

Present Nelson Wells, Abbot, Gage, Carpenter, Britzman.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

After some informal talk relative to the appointment of a Secretary of the Board, it adjourned to 2 o'clock P.M.

February 10th 2 P.M. 1864.

The Board convened: present Nelson Wells, Abbot, Gage, Carpenter, Britzman and Welch

The following report from the Committee on Employed was accepted and adopted.

"The Committee on Employed reports that Mr J. A. Stebbins has resigned his position as Steward of the Boarding Hall of the St Agricultural College; and that Mr S. S. Rockwell has been placed in charge of the same by recommendation of the Committee.

We would recommend the passage of the following resolution:-

Resolved that Mr S. S. Rockwell be placed in charge of the Boarding Hall of the St Agricultural College at the rate of Four Hundred and Fifty (450) dollars per annum during the pleasure of the Board."

Justus Gage, Chairman of the Committee Professor Welch from Committee on Employes made a verbal report on the endeavors made to find a Secretary: it was accepted.

It was moved by President Abbot that the Board assume and pay one half of Mr Sanford Howards expenses in meeting the Executive Committee of the St Agricultural Society, and the Board of Agriculture at the present meeting. The motion was carried.

It was voted that the Board adjourn to meet at the Normal School at 8 1/2 o'clock A.M. to-morrow, and afterward assemble here.

Thursday P.M. Feby. 11th 1864.

The Board met at one o'clock: present the same as yesterday.

President Abbot moved that \$1000. be drawn from the State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer of the Board. Carried.

A report from the Committee on accounts, relative to the expenses incurred in looking for a Secretary, was accepted and the amount allowed, as follows:

Expenses of Professor Welch,

\$ 73.25

S.S. Rockwell

Expenses

Funds

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Expenses of President Abbot

\$75.25

By request of the Committee on Accounts the accounts and papers presented by Mr F. A. Stebbins were laid over until the next meeting.

Board adjourned to 4 o'clock, to listen to and address from Mr Howard.

At 4 o'clock Board assembled: present the same as at former meeting.

Professor Welch moved that a proposal be extended to Mr Howard of Boston Mass. to become Secretary of the Board; and that a salary of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500) dollars be tendered him. The motion was carried.

The Board Adjourned

C. A. Kempton Sec pro tem.

State Agricultural College

May 25. 1864

The regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called to order at 2 P.M. in the President's office, by the Vice President of the Board (H. G. Wells). Present Messrs Wells, Carpenter, Gage, Rich, Welch & Abbot. Mr Sanford Howard was present and entered upon his duties, as Secretary of the Board. The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Accounts

The Report of the Committee on Accounts was then presented, accepted and adopted: - approving the drawing of warrants, designated by numbers as follows Nos. 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 192, 193, 198, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 217, 160, 144, 194, 182, 181, 184, 199, 200, 204, 216, 190, 203, 201, 205, 215, 219, 220, 161, 191, 195, 196, 197, 218, 155, 221: - Also accounts were allowed and warrants directed to be drawn for their payment as follows: - in favor of

A. N. Prentiss	for	\$ 123.12
Grove & Whitney	"	39.26
Lansing & Son	"	31.20
D. Carpenter, Exp. at Ipsilanti,		18.80
Justus Gage	"	18.80
H. G. Wells	"	9.60
Chas. Rich	"	16.50

The Report of a Special Committee on procuring

Arms present the following Report, which was accepted and adopted - 10 min

Muskets

" The Special Committee to whom was delegated authority to communicate with Gen. Blair for purpose of procuring arms and accoutrements for military drill would report that they have obtained under the sanction of His Excellency, from Mr. Hammond Quarter Master General of Mich. 60 muskets & accoutrements for the use of the College; and that the same are now in possession of the Faculty. The Committee would further report that they made application for a few tents for ^{the} College, and that the Quarter Master Genl. was unable to furnish the same, the State having none. We would further recommend that a formal Board for the arms received be returned to the Qr. M. Genl., signed officially by the President and Secretary of the College

(Signed)

Wells

Carpenter

Redzie "

The Board took a recess until eight o'clock, and then met at the house of the President of the College. The following Resolutions were passed

Secty's Office
in
Lansing

Resolved - that the Office of the Secretary of the Board be opened in Lansing, and that the President be authorized to procure suitable rooms for that purpose

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Resolved that the President of the College be authorized to draw warrants for the necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Board, for the quarter commencing June 1. 1864

Bookkeeping

Resolved that the President of the College be authorized to employ some competent person to give instruction in the Art of Bookkeeping to students of the College during the present College year.

Secty's Office

Resolved that the President of the Board be requested to present an account of salary and the expenses of the Office of the Secretary to the State Board of Auditors for allowance.

Dwelling Free

Resolved that for the present year no rent be charged Officers of the College for the dwelling houses they occupy.

Funds

Resolved that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be drawn from the State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer of the College to be held subject to the control of the Board.

Com. on Farm

Resolved that a Committee on Farm Management be added to the Regular Standing Committees of the Board.

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The President announced the Committee, to consist of the following Gentlemen,

Committee on	}	Welch
Farm Management		Carpenter

Road

Resolved that a Resolution for the further improvement of the College Grounds, passed at a Session of this Board, Aug. 1863, by an alteration of the highway running through said grounds, be so amended as to change the direction of the line of said road proposed in said Resolution, from its starting point, so that the termination will be at the Plank Road at a point where the town line between Lansing and Meridian crosses said plank road.

The Board took a Recess until the next morning May 25, at 7 o'clock

The Ref Plans adopted by the Faculty of the College, for Farm and Garden Management for the present season, were examined and approved

The Board then authorized the purchase of Books for the College, as recommended by the Faculty, viz

Books

Michaux & Nuttall, N. Amer. Flora 5 Vols

Bigelow on Tariff

De La Rive's Electricity 3 Vols

Truman on Iron Manufacture

Ward and Johnson's Atlas

Whewell's History of Scientific Ideas 3 Vols

" Novum Organum renovatum 1 "

" Philosophy of Discovery 1 "

Also the expenditure of \$75 or thereabouts for works in Natural History (Audubon, Wilson, Bonaparte, Agassiz)

Stebbins

It was Resolved that the claim of Mr. Stebbins for salary beyond the term of his actual service be not allowed.

It was Resolved that Dr. Miles be authorized to plan & construct Ventilating apparatus for the Barn.

Ventilation

The Board then adjourned.

Sanford Howard
Secretary

State Agricultural College Meish

August 31. 1864.

The regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held in the President's Office, commencing at 2 o'clock P.M.: his Excellency Governor Blair in the Chair. Present, Messrs Carpenter, Gage, Prutzman, Rich, Wells and Abbot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Accounts was then presented, accepted and adopted:— approving the drawing of warrants designated by number as follows:— 224, 229, 230, 231, 232, 236, 237, 239, 241, 223, 237, 242, 244, 245, 248, 222, 225, 226, 246, 233, 238, 248, 247, 228 and 240

The Balance of Grov & Whiting's account, presented in May and in part allowed, was also allowed, \$49.65

Also new account to Aug 19th 153.04

Balance of account in favor of Mr. Prentiss 83.22

" " " " " " Mr. Rockwell 4.21

" " " " " " due from Dr. Moiles \$171.33

" " " " " " C. A. Kenaston 212.71

The following accounts for expenses in attending former meetings of the Board were allowed:—

in favor of H. G. Wells, May meeting \$18.50

" " " " " " Justice Gage 23.00

" " " " " " A. C. Prutzman Feb'y 20.95

" " " " " " Chas. Rich May 14.85

" " " " " " D. Carpenter " 21.50

President T. C. Abbot presented a recommendation from the Faculty of the College, relative to effecting an insurance upon the structures belonging to the College, which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gage it was,

Resolved, that measures be taken by the President of the College to effect an insurance on the new College Barn and shed to the amount of \$2000, on buildings, \$500, on grain and hay and \$500, on stock.

On motion of Judge Wells it was,

Resolved that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars be drawn from the State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer of the College.

On motion of Judge Wells it was,

Resolved that the President be directed to pay the Secretary of the College, by quarterly payments, at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars per annum:— being the amount of salary to be paid by the Board additional to the regular salary to be

Insurance

Funds

Secty's Salary

paid by the State.

On motion of Judge Wells it was
 Resolved, that Mr Kenaston be authorized to dig
 a well near his house, and to procure the necessary fixtures
 for the same.

On motion of Judge Wells it was
 Resolved, that it was the intentions of the Board in
 their Resolution of Nov. 12. 1863. to give Mr Noble, foreman of the
 Farm, his board, in addition to the salary of \$400. therein named.

On motion of Judge Wells it was
 Resolved, that when not otherwise determined by vote
 of the Board, the regular meetings held in accordance with the
 organic law of the College, shall be at nine o'clock of the fore-
 noon in the office of the President of the College.

On motion of Judge Wells it was
 Resolved, that when we adjourn, it be to meet at
 Kalamazoo on the 22^d of September next.

On motion of Mr Sage Chairman of Com. on Employees
 it was

Resolved, that Mr A. N. Prentiss be by this Resolution made
 Professor of Botany and Horticulture in the State Agricultural
 College, with a salary at the rate of One Thousand Dollars per
 annum: the increase of salary over that now received by him
 to commence on the first of January 1865.

On motion of Mr Sage it was

Resolved, that Oscar Clute be, by this Resolution, made.

Professor of Mathematics in the State Agricultural College and that
 his salary from the 1st of January 1865 be so increased as to be at
 the rate of One Thousand Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr Sage it was

Resolved, that the salary of C. A. Kenaston be from and after
 the 1st of January 1865 at the rate of One Thousand Dollars per annum.

On motion of Judge Wells it was

Resolved, that the President of the State Board of Agriculture
 and the President of the State Agricultural College file a certificate
 with the State Board of Auditors that Sanford Howard Esq has
 been appointed Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture in
 accordance with sections 6, 11, and 12 of act No 188, approved
 March 15, 1861; and that he entered upon his duties as Secre-
 tary on the 19th of May 1864; and that the State Board of Ag-
 riculture request the State Board of Auditors to make an order
 by which the salary of the Secretary may be paid quarterly as
 the same accrues.

The Board adjourned to meet at Kalamazoo on the 22^d of September next, as per Resolution.

Sanford Howard,
Secretary.

Kalamazoo Mich Sept 22 1864

Board met according to adjournment, and took recess until tomorrow evening of
Sept 23. 1864

Met at Secretary's Office, Fair Grounds, There were present Messrs Wells, Carpenter, Gage, Putzgerman, and Rich

Ears troughs A Committee consisting of Mr Gage and President Abbot was appointed to procure ears-troughs for the barn and shed.

Ayrshires A Committee, consisting of Mr. Gage, D. Miles, and Secretary Howard was appointed to purchase Ayrshire cattle, - and the committee authorized to expend a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars, [\$ 300.00] in their purchase.

Adjourned to meet at the Agricultural College on Tuesday, the 15th of November next.

Sanford Howard,
Secretary.

State Agricultural College
Nov. 15th 1864

Board met pursuant to adjournment, and adjourned to eleven o'clock tomorrow.

Nov. 16th 1864

Graduates Board met, in College Office at the Boarding Hall, his Excellency the Governor in the chair. There were present beside his Excellency, Messrs. Wells, Gage, Putzgerman, Rich, Welch, Abbot, and the Secretary.

It was

Resolved that the Board confer the Degree of Bachelor of Science upon each of the following persons: viz

William W. Daniells

Lewis J. Gibson

Wellman A. Hardy

Sylvester M. Millard

Lewis Vanderbilt

and the Degree of Master of Science upon

Albert N. Prentiss.

in accordance with a recommendation of the Faculty made to the Board

Commencement The President of the College having announced the time of Commencement Exercises to be arrived, the Board then listened to the Exercises of the Graduating Class, in the College Chapel after which the Degrees were conferred upon all the persons above named.

The Board then adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock, in order to have dinner, and to attend the Evening Exercises in the chapel.

Nov. 17. 1864

Board met at nine A.M.; present the same members as yesterday. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report The President of the College submitted the Annual Report of the Faculty, which was accepted.

It was

Funds Resolved that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be drawn from the State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer of the College.

It was

Sheep Barn Resolved that a Committee of five, consisting of Judge Wells, and Mr. Carpenter be appointed to superintend the building of a sheep barn, and a Tool-house, and that Dr. Miles, and Secretary Howard be instructed to report plans for such buildings to this Committee, as early as convenient.

Ayrshires The Special Committee appointed by the Board for the purchase of Ayrshire cattle, report, That a two-year-old Ayrshire heifer has been purchased for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, and a Bull calf for the sum of One Hundred Dollars, from the herd of H. H. Peters, breeder of pure blood Ayrshire stock, Southboro'-Mass., and that the above named animals are now at the college. The total estimated charges of transportation (the Bill from Detroit not having arrived) is Eighty Four Dollars and Sixty-Eight cents (\$84.68). All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed)

J. Gage, Chairman.

Agreeably to a Report of the Committee on employees, the two following Resolutions were then adopted.

Foreman Resolved that the services of Mr. C. A. Noble, as foreman of the Farm, be discontinued from and after the present date.

Miles
Practical Agric.
Supt. Farm

Resolved that the professorship of D. Manly Miles be from this date that of Animal Physiology and Practical Agriculture; and that he be the Superintendent of the Farm from this date.

It was

Pears

Resolved that Professor Prentiss be authorized to purchase of Wm. Adair, enough pear trees to replace those that died in the Pear Orchard the present season.

It was

Land Sales

Resolved that the Resolution, passed at a regular meeting of the Board, Aug. 26, 1863, empowering President Abbot to make sale of certain Swamp lands belonging to the College, be so amended as to read in Addition - Provided that no lands be sold at a less rate than One Dollar and a quarter per acre

It was

Green House

Resolved that Prof. Prentiss and the President be instructed to present to the Board at their next meeting a Plan for the erection of a Green House.

It was

Barn

Resolved that the Superintendent of the Farm be authorized to make such alteration in the East Door of the Barn as will admit light to the Barn floor, and enable the door to be opened.

It was

Reports

Resolved that the Report of the Faculty, and all accompanying Documents be published in connection with the Report of the Secretary of the College, under the supervision, and subject to the approval of the President of the College

It was

Resolved that the President of the College be authorized to call a meeting of the Board, previous to the next regular meeting, if he deems such meeting necessary.

It was

Rent Free

Resolved that the Officers of the College have the houses they occupy free of rent for the year 1865 unless otherwise hereafter directed by the Board.

Accounts

The following accounts were allowed

To	T. C. Abbot, payment of Bills	\$ 75.00
	Charles Rich, Expenses meetings Aug. & Sept.	38.62
	H. G. Well	24.50

To H. L. Prutzman, Expenses Aug. meeting \$ 30.50

A. S. Welch " 18.00

Justus Gage " Aug & Sept. 30.00

Mr. C. A. Kenaston, having tendered his resignation

Kenaston

Resignation of the position held by him, it was

Resolved that the resignation of C. A. Kenaston, Instructor of the Preparatory Class, be accepted.

Sanford Howard,
Secretary.

State Agricultural College Feb. 22. 1865

The Regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at the College at nine o'clock. The Board adjourned to meet, at eleven, in the Office of the Secretary of the College, in the Capitol, in Lansing.

Met according to adjournment in the Office of the Secretary of the Board in Lansing. There were present Messrs Carpenter, Gage, Prutzman, Welch and Abbot. The Secretary was also present.

Mr. Gage was, on motion, made President pro-tempore for this meeting.

The Board took a recess, for dinner

Met at half past one P.M.

At the request of the Chairman of the joint Committee, of Agriculture and Education the Board had an interview with said joint Committee, in the Office of the Secretary of the Board, lasting for about two hours. Afterwards

It was

Resolved that we consider the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for each of the two years 1865 and 1866 to be as small an appropriation as will enable the Board to manage the affairs of the Agricultural College creditably; and that the President of the College be authorized to name that sum to the Chairman of Committee in the present Legislature, having the affairs of the College under consideration.

Estimates

Gov. Crapo

President of Bd

His Excellency Henry Crapo, was on motion elected to be President of the Board.