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, Page, Mottman, Welch and Abbott. The Secretary was also present:

Mr. Page 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

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.

His Excellency Henry Crapo, was, on motion elected to be President of the Board.
The Committee on Employees, through Mr. Pege
Fairchild, chairman, made a Report nominating Mr. Fairchild to be an Instructor in the Agriculture
College, at a salary of $800, or Eight Hundred
Dollars per annum, from and after the 15th of
February 1855, to continue during the pleasure
of the Board.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Employees, through Mr. Pege
Fairchild, chairman, made a Report nominating Mr. Charles C.
Stowe to be Foreman of the Farm with a salary at the
rate of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) per annum,
and board, during the pleasure of the Board, from
and after January 15th, 1855.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved that N. P. Wells be continued in the office of Vice President of the Board with the
same duties which he has hitherto had in that
office.

Resolved that the resignation tendered by
Mr. B. G. Berry, of his office as Treasurer
of the Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural
College be hereby accepted.

Resolved that in informing Mr. Berry
of the acceptance of the resignation voluntarily
tendered by him of his office of Treasurer of the
College, the President of the College express to
Mr. Berry our entire satisfaction with the
manner in which he has performed the duties
of the office.

Resolved that the Bond given by the Hon.
Mr. G. Berry be returned to him, on receiving the
vouchers for the warrants paid by him.

Resolved that Joseph Mills be the
Treasurer of this Board, from the time that he
files with the Secretary a good and sufficient
Bond $5000. Bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

Resolved that the sum of Three Thousand
Dollars be drawn from the State Treasury into the
hands of the Treasurer of the Board, as soon as
an appropriation shall be made by the State to the College.

The following accounts, viz: 

- For Farm Management for 1865:
  - Garden do. do. do.
  - Green House

were accepted, and laid on the table.

The following accounts, were: on recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, allowed; viz:

- John A. Knowles: $90.77
- H. Lavington and Son, Trustees: $49.67
- L. G. Berry, Esq: $12.80
- P.T. Carpenter, Aug. 1st, 1865: $37.65
- H. Putzmann: May 6th: $31.80
- J. Page: $24.06

of T.C. Abbot, treasurer of the college: $675.27

Sanford Howard, Secretary.

State Agricultural College

May 31, 1865

The Board of Agriculture met for their regular meeting in the office of the President of the College, at 9 o'clock A.M. There were present Messrs. Wells, Page, Putzmann, Rich, Welch, Abbot, and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Accounts was presented and accepted.

It was

Resolved that no change be made to $500 for the keeping of his Agriicultural Inspector to the present time.

It was

Resolved that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be drawn from the State Treasury into the hands of the President of the College, to be by him transmitted to the Treasurer of the College on his return from his temporary absence.
It was
Resolved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the Hon. Jesse Edgington, of Bank Co. West Virginia, for the donation to the State Agricultural College of two Merlin Ewes of the Willow and Dickinson Stock.
Resolved that the thanks of this Board be tendered to William H. Babb, of Richmond, Ohio, for the donation to the Michigan State Agricultural College of a Merlin Merlin Ewe.
Respect for dinner was taken.

It was
Resolved that the Salaries of the Professors except three whole salaries were raised by the Board at a meeting held in August 1867 be raised twenty-five (25) per cent from the first day of April last and that from and after said date said professors be charged house rent at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five (125.00) Dollars per annum.

It was
Resolved that Dr. Miles be authorized to enter into contact with some suitable person or persons, for the construction of a ditch on the large farm donated to the College by the State of Michigan in the township of De Witt and Bath, commencing at the outlet of the ditch already commenced by the College and continuing the same to Fresh Water.

It was
Resolved that Secretary Howard and President Abbott be a committee to ascertain what definite arrangements, if any, can be made with John A. Kerr Co., or others, for the publication of a Monthly Agricultural Journal, to emanate from the State Agricultural College and to report to this Board at its next regular meeting.

It was
Resolved that Twenty Five (25) Dollars be appropriated to the purchase of birds eggs and stands.

It was
Resolved that the list of books presented by the Faculty for the College Library be approved.
and their purchase authorized, so far as the funds appropriated to the Library permit.

The Board took a recess until tomorrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

June 1, 1865

The Board met and spent the day in various examinations and discussions relative to the College, the same members being present except the Secretary, and for a portion of the time Mr. Nutting, as were present yesterday.

At the evening session of this date it was

Resolved that One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (125.00) be appropriated to for the expenses of Dr. Atkin in visiting the East for the purpose of examining farms and farm buildings.

It was

Resolved that the Vice President of the Board, the President of the College, and Professor

Pomis, constitute a committee to select the central portion of a Green House on the plan submitted by the Committee with such modifications as they shall determine upon, provided that the expenses of building such central portion shall not exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (2,000.00)

The following were the accounts allowed at this meeting of the Board

It was

Resolved, that the drawing of warrants, numbers 283 to 315 inclusive be approved by the Board.

Gore & Whitney

C. A. N. Atkin's final settlement in full

Sand's Store, Blacksmithing

W. C. Atkin, coming between part of Oct. 22, 687.27

O. Clute, furniture for College

L. Bowes, 33 rods of Blue Grass

J. W. Amherst, furniture for Supt. Office

W. C. Atkin, Advertising Bills due.

Sanford Howard, balance due the College

1st. Binding $45.00, Sketch Books, 115.82
Geo. H. Greene $2/0 by CHAIN
J. R. Green $34.65
J. Dodge, plus beam and printer $7.00
Paul W. Beckett, Fumiture & lumber $110.15
J. Dodge, Cultivator com $67.00
T. C. Abbott, John W. Becket & John Sage, stabling $28.56
J. C. Armstrong, Furniture to Mr. Armstrong $4.90
J. C. Rockwell, Dr. Cash for expenses at New York $15.00

Total: $373.57

Leaving Balance due D. & G. Green of $230.27

T. C. Abbott for Accounts paid $48.20

Wm. Miles, Cash of Wm. Fane $15.00

Total: $298.27

Wm. Miles, $27.00. From Warrant 307

W. G. Wells, expenses of same meeting $25.50

Justin Sage $40.25
A. T. Welch $19.00
A. L. Proctor $28.60
Charles Rich $18.70

Sanford Howard
Secretary
State Agricultural College
August 30, 1865

Regular meeting of the Board: present Messrs. Wells, Carriker, Case, Bouton, Abbott
and the Secretary.

The Committee appointed to consult with
Mr. A. Hunt on the subject of publishing a paper
made a Report, which was accepted (verso).

The Committee on Accounts reported some
bills and accounts for allowance.

Resolved that the Faculty have authority
to make work on Saturday to be at the option of the
Students, or his parents or guardians, under such
regulations as the Faculty shall deem best.

Resolved that the Board approve the
drawing of Two Thousand Dollars from the
State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer
of the Board, made during the last recess of the Board.

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

Resolved that when the Board adjourn
it adjourn to meet in Adair at the office of
the President of the State Agricultural Society, upon
the Fair Grounds, the 23rd of September, meet at
4 o'clock P.M.

Aug. 31, 1865

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

Resolved that the President of the
College be authorized to obtain the continuance
of the Insurance upon the New Barn and Shed
at $200.00 and Contents at $350.00, and also to
purchase an Insurance upon the Sheep
Barn at $150.00, and upon its Contents at
$250.00.

Resolved that Mr. Biles be requested
to separate that portion of the Museum belonging
to himself, from the portion belonging to the College;
placing the specimens belonging to the College in
cases by themselves— for the further of enabling
The Board to estimate what portion belonging to said
D. Miles
Resolved that D. Miles, and Secretary Howard
be directed to make examination and inquiry in
Canada with reference to the purchase of a Short
Horn Bull, to supply the place of the Short Horn
Bull now owned by the College, the growing defects
of the same rendering it an objectionable animal.
Resolved that the President of the College
be authorized to call the annual meeting of the
Board at an earlier date than the last Wednes-
day of the month.
Resolved that the President's Office be
recarpeted, with carpeting or matting.
The following accounts were allowed:

J. J. Rockwell, Boarding Hall Account up
to Aug 28th 1862
Richard Elliot, Short Horn Rector (in Cuba) 85.50
Dr. Wells 18.75
Glute & Brothers. Trun Rector Advertising 4.00
Vanderlin & Bros 2.00
State Reformatory School 726.92
Justin Cogg (May 65) 25.50
W. G. Burks (Feb 65) 28.00
H. C. Putnam (May) 28.60
Sanford Howard
Secretary
Adrian, Michigan  
Sept 22 1865

The Board met in accordance with a Resolution passed the 30th of August, on the 20th and adjourned, in want of a quorum until this day.

Met at the office of the President of the State Agricultural Society, at 11 o'clock A.M. 
Present: Messrs: Carpenter, Gage, Boutgam, Rich, Welch, Allot, and the Secretary.

Mr. Gage was called to the chair.

The Secretary reported, that in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board, Dr. Miles and himself had made an inquiry in regard to a short horn bull to replace the one now on the College Farm, but had found none which in their opinion it was expedient to purchase.

The Secretary also made a statement in regard to Galloway cattle and longwool sheep examined by Dr. Miles in Canada, in reference to which it was

Resolved that Dr. Miles be authorized to purchase a pair of Galloway cattle (a bull and a heifer) and a Colwool pair, and the care of John Smith of Edmonton C. W.

Sanford Howard
Secretary
State Agricultural College, Nov. 29, 1865

There were present: Wells, Carpenter, Rootman, Sage, Abbot, and the Secretary. The day was spent in examination of the block buildings, accounts by the committee and members of the Board.

Nov. 30, 1865

The Board was called to order by Mr. Wells, vice President; Mr. Rich also having arrived. and being present.

The Records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The Committee on Accounts presented certain Bills for allowance.

Mr. Sage, in behalf of Committee on Employees, reported that the Board since have employed in the service of the College:

One Professor of History and English Literature

Animal Physiology and Practical Agriculture & Superintendent of the Farm

Chemistry

Botany: Horticulture and Superintendent of the gardens

Pure and Applied Mathematics

Instructor

Foreman of the Farm

Steward of the Dining Hall:

That as far as the Committee are informed, the services of their employees are highly rendered, and satisfactory, and that, so far as their several salaries are concerned we have to report in favor of an increase of salary of the Instructor from $500 to $1000 per annum, and after the 1st day of January 1866.

The Committee would further report in favor of the employment of a Professor of Geology and Entomology, as soon as the appropriation for the support of the College will warrant the outlay necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Justice Sage.

Chairman of Com.

The Report was accepted, and by a subsequent vote, adopted.

The Secretary made a verbal report in behalf of Committee appointed to confer with Geo A. New
...or other relative to the establishment of a paper. The Committee was continued.

The President of the College presented the Annual Report of the Faculty to the Board, and an accompanying statement, the Report of the Superintendent of the Farm, and that of the Superintendent of the Gardens, all of which were read and accepted.

The following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved that the President of the College be authorized to draw, at the end of each quarter, such warrants as may best serve to show the transfer of Produce and the loss of objects of expenditure, between the different departments of the College.

Resolved that no officer of the College shall be allowed to contract debts against the Institution, except by express permission of the President of the College; and that all debts incurred shall be reported in writing to the President of the College within ten days of the close of every calendar month in which they have been contracted.

Resolved that every officer of the College and the Chairman of every committee shall report in writing to the President of the College within ten days after the close of each calendar month a true account of all receipts and expenditures made on behalf of the College.

Resolved that the President of the College remit to P. J. Bedwell of Brownsville, the amount of $500 for the purchase of a Team of horses, the price for his local Roller Drill, as per his offer now on file.

Resolved that the Superintendent of the Farm be authorized to make sale of the small black team of horses together with the harness used with them, and the small two-horse lumber wagon and such other horse or horses, as in his opinion can be spared from service during the winter, and the sale of which would be a matter of presidential economy — and that the place of the above be re-established so far as may be necessary at or soon after the commencement of the next...
school term, by younger or better teams, and new horses
and a new and heavier wagon.

Resolved that the sum of Four Thousand
Dollars of the Appropriation for 1862 be drawn from the
State Treasury into the hands of the Treasurer of the
College.

Resolved that the Superintendent of the Farm
be authorized to sell the S.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of Sec.
13, and the S.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 13, and the
N.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 24, in the Township of Bath
and invest the proceeds in obtaining the large maple
on Sec. 12.13 and 14, in the Township of Bath.

The President of the College presents to the
Board certain recommendations of the Faculty, or
things referred by them to the Board, relating
to the purchase of globes, and reclaimed. He also
presented a petition from people living on or near
the South line of the College Farm, relating to the
laying out of a road. They were accepted.

Accounts were then allowed, as follows: viz.

all those covered by Warrants numbered 306, 317,
336, 341, 345, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347,
348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359,

-372, 373, 374, except one item of $58.75.


-381, 382, 383, 384, -385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391,
392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406,
407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418,
419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433,
434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444,
-446, 447, 448, 449.

And the drawing of the premises was approved.

Also:

To Greene and Whitney $1054.83

A. F. Vale 11.75

Geo. E. and F. W. Custer (Horticulturists) 3.50

T. L. Abbot 31.01

M. A. Greene 75.15

J. N. A. Renz Co. 147.99

W. F. Vale 24.75

D. Carpenter 24.45

J. Case 39.35

C. Rich 33.35

A. C. Peabody 38.10
Dr. Hildreth, Acting President, due & balance to $229.70
To Sanford Howard Account in full. $221.51

The Board adjourned to meet in January in the office of the Secretary at 7 o'clock P.M.

1 P.M. Secretary Office, Sanford.

The Board met according to adjournment: present the same members as on the afternoon. It was unanimously

Resolved that Professor Cornelius Hossford be

and hereby is elected a member of this Board in place of Professor A. S. Hoffer, resigned.

Resolved that the Degree of Master of Science

be conferred, hereby, upon

Oscar Clute
Albert S. Cork
Frank Hedgeman
Charles F. Jewett Jr.
Edward M. Preston
Vernal G. Blake and
Charles E. Welliver

The Board then adjourned.

Sanford Howard
Secretary.