

Testimony for H.B. 1020

Good morning.

My name is Greg Goodman, REC Advisory Board member for the Langdon Research Center. I am a 5th generation farmer, crop insurance agent, and a Cavalier County Commissioner.

Thank you for taking the time this morning to listen to testimony on H.B. 1020. There are three main points that I wish to address with you regarding funding for the Langdon Research Center.

First, the previous legislative session approved funding for a pathology greenhouse at the Langdon REC. Unfortunately, due to COVID and the ensuing supply chain disruption, the greenhouse was not constructed. It is our hope that carryover funding for this project remain in place to complete this building. We would also appreciate additional funding added to the project to offset the inflationary environment that has driven up the costs of construction. The Langdon REC had to turn down grant funds in the past year due to not having this building completed. Crop disease research and management is critical to our area farmers, and this building would allow vital studies to continue 12 months out of the year.

To compliment the existing and future crop disease research, we are also looking to fund one FTE Research Technician at our facility. This position is strongly supported by SBARE and would greatly enhance the ability for the Research Center to identify and understand the various crop diseases that continue to present challenges to production agriculture.

Finally, the Langdon Research Center invested in equipment recently that needs to be cared for no different than many of the high-dollar machinery farmers operate today. This equipment is valuable to the continued research and seed production at the Center. We are asking you to fund a building to store this equipment so it can stay out of the elements and extend the equipment's useful life. SBARE has indicated the need for this project in their capital project initiative.

Thank you for your time,

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