

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[George L Hodnett](#)"
Subject: RE: last review
Date: Saturday, September 05, 2009 9:55:00 PM

Just the header they will use on non-first pages of the paper. Check the journal you'll see it.

Bill

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From: George L Hodnett [<mailto:ghodnett@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2009 3:01 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: Re: last review

Bill,

I am in the process of submitting the paper. I have a question. They are asking something called a running head. I don't know what it is and have not yet found any information on what it is. I also need to cut down the abstract. Can you fill me in on a "running head"?

George

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 9/2/2009 6:43 PM >>>
George:

I don't know if you've looked at Ryan Viator's ARS internal review, but I just took a brief look at it. There is essentially little to nothing in the review that is major.

I don't know whether you have submitted already or not, but here is what I would do.

First, send Anna the latest version if you have not already done so.

Allow her to make the needed changes to satisfy Ed Richard. I'm sure she'll send them to you as well.

Hopefully, you've already sent the manuscript to Crop Science, but if not, I wouldn't wait on these revisions, I would send in the version you already have. There is not enough in that review to justify our time on mickey-mouse ARS procedures.

I will be submitting the registration manuscript for Tx3361 on Friday.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Rene Clara"](#); ["Joan Frederick"](#)
Cc: ["John Yohe"](#)
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting.
Date: Saturday, September 05, 2009 10:03:00 PM

I think we send the money back.

regards,

bill

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From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2009 3:58 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Joan Frederick
Cc: John Yohe
Subject: PCCMCA meeting.

Dear Dr. Bill and Joan,

The support of the INTSORMIL for the PCCMCA meeting was for 4 persons and the funds are in CENTA. In the end only Vilma Calderón and Salvador Zeledón goes to PCCMCA. Max resigned and at the last hour already with the bought tickets, they did not give permission to Dr. Mario Parada Jaco without any valid reason. There was already an agreement, INTSORMIL approved and did the transference of the funds to CENTA.

I think that there was informality and better that we return the money not used to the INTSORMIL. If you agree, favor to give me the information to do the mailing of the not used funds.

Regards,

René

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: What's your plan?
Date: Sunday, September 06, 2009 1:44:00 PM

Bob:

I'll plan on meeting with you in the afternoon. It will likely be 4:00 to 4:30 before I can get to Houston, so let's plan a late afternoon meeting. We can find a place to eat as well.

I have to teach class on Tuesday morning, so I will not be staying over, but will return to College Station tomorrow evening. Megan will not be able to make it; we have kids with after school activities to manage.

I know you will be at the Marriott, but I need to know which Marriott. I assume it is close to MD Anderson....

regards,

bill

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From: Robert M. Harris [mailto:rharris@silverpalate.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2009 7:33 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: What's your plan?

I'll be leaving Jackson, WY in the AM for Dallas and on to Houston in the afternoon. I have no plans for the moment on Monday so whatever is best for you, OK with me. I even suggested you spend the night in Houston over dinner and either return in the morning after breakfast or join me at the meetings at MDA at 1 PM (lunch) or 3 PM.

Let me know. Best wishes.

Bob

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Nelson, Michelle](#)"
Subject: RE: Ken Davenport
Date: Monday, September 07, 2009 9:58:00 AM

Michelle:

that'll be fine - we can meet over there.

bill

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From: Nelson, Michelle [mailto:m_nelson@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 8:48 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Ken Davenport

Dr. Rooney,

I will be sending an updated agenda today but wanted to touch base again. Davenport wants to spend more time with you, sounds like in the field. He will be here at 11. If you could come to the Corporate Relations office to meet us (if that fits into your schedule) that would be helpful. If not please let me know as I'll need to reserve the AgriLife Expedition. We now have access to the Corporate Relations conference room so we'll meet back here after the field tour. Janie or Peter will come over with Robert Brummett to speak with him.

Thanks,

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Avant, Bob"](#)
Subject: RE: revised Objective 3 text and budget
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:02:00 AM

I will do so, thanks for merging and sending.
bill

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From: Avant, Bob [mailto:bavant@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 9:36 PM
To: Steve Searcy; Mullet, John E.; Bill L Rooney; James Richardson; stelly@tamu.edu
Cc: bmccutchen@tamu.edu; shay-simpson@tamu.edu
Subject: RE: revised Objective 3 text and budget

I combined Steve's and Jame's Goal 1; please make sure I didn't do you any harm. Bill Rooney, please work off this copy for your changes.

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From: Steve Searcy [mailto:s-searcy@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 5:07 PM
To: Avant, Bob; Mullet, John E.; Bill L Rooney
Subject: revised Objective 3 text and budget

Bob et al.

Attached is my revised text for objective 3 based on discussion this afternoon. There were too many tracked changes, so I accepted them all and generated a new version. Look at the items related to objective 3, including the deliverable and objective 3 text.

Regarding budget, I have run some estimates for what I anticipate the work would require based on testing in three distinct locations.



These numbers are large, but getting the equipment in place for demonstrations in three different locations will be expensive, as much of the equipment is likely not available from local custom harvesters. Year 2 is especially a problem as we were talking [REDACTED] total for Goal 1. If you tell me what is allowable from the budget standpoint, I will cut back the scope of the activity. If it is [REDACTED] for year 2, that means probably one evaluation location. Unfortunately, that will be after the end of the Edwards DOE project, so we could not piggy back on that as one site. I will be a team player on this, but I wanted to let you know what my initial estimates are.

Steve

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Ostilio Portillo](#)"
Subject: RE: Greetings Dr. Rooney.
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:17:00 AM

Ostilio

As you know, we'll need the TOEFL before we can officially admit you to graduate school (again).....but I will let Wayne Smith know that we have been in conversation.

Are you interested in coming in January or May of next year?

regards,

bill

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From: Ostilio Portillo [mailto:oportillo2005@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Greetings Dr. Rooney.

Good afternoon Dr. Rooney;

I hope this brief note finds you well and without delay I proceed to let you know that a week ago I submitted my application to graduate school at TAMU. It is my understanding that the only pending document is the TOEFL test result which has not been yet submitted to the Admission Office by ETS.

In my conversation with Dr. Wayne Smith he explained me that they will review the documentation and in the following days I should be informed whether or not I will be admitted. I hope everything goes well. I guess that's all I have to say at the moment. Take care.

Ostilio.

On Tue, Aug 11, 2009 at 8:05 AM, Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:
Ostilio - thanks for the note and the reminder. I'm glad you're still interested in graduate school and I'm still interested in having you back as a Ph.D. student. I've got to check on several issues before I can make you any offer of an assistantship, but if you are ready to apply, I would encourage that be done so that we can move as fast as possible.

regards,

bill

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From: Otilio Portillo [mailto:oportillo2005@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 8:10 PM

To: Dr. William L. Rooney

Subject: Greetings Dr. Rooney.

Dear professor Rooney;

I hope you are fine by the time you receive this brief e-mail. I just wanted to drop a line to let you know that since my debt with the US State Department is almost done I have started the process to go back to graduate school.

I know it has not been too long since you requested my current status. However, I know time goes fast and if I want to start classes in the spring of 2010 I better start sending applications asap. For that reason, I want to ask you what are the chances to join your team the next semester? Should I apply to the Crop and Soil Department? I will appreciate your input so I can act accordingly.

Take care and I hope to hear from you soon.

Ate.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Collins, Stephen D"](#); ["George L Hodnett"](#)
Subject: FW: Possible Work
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:23:00 AM

Delroy and George

I know that George needed some help and I think that we had extra help here, so can you two get together and figure out if we can meet the needs with the student workers we have now.

If not, see below. I received the following message last night. Might be a good candidate, but only if we NEED additional help. I don't want to hire another person if we can get our work done with the people we have now.

Regards,

Bill

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From: egarcia2145@neo.tamu.edu [<mailto:egarcia2145@neo.tamu.edu>]
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To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Possible Work

Howdy

My name is Eric Garcia and I am a student in the Agronomy Department. I asked Mr. Mark Hall if he knew of any possible student work opportunities for me. He referred me to you and I was hoping if you possibly had work or knew of someone who was looking for student workers. I come from a Farming Family so I am pretty knowledgeable in row crops and can operate most farm machinery's. I would be able to start asap and willing to work weekends as well.

Thank You

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["John Mullet"; "Schmitt, Brian C."](#)
Cc: ["Bill McCutchen"](#)
Subject: RE: MTA with JBEI for [REDACTED] etc.
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:59:00 AM

[John et al.](#),

Two thoughts:

1. With regard to [REDACTED], it is very likely that they will license the pollinator in the very near future. You can find out the status on that particular line ([REDACTED]), from Peter and the OTC folks. It may be done before the MTA with JBEI is ready.
2. This hybrid was planted in several locations this past summer and in some locations it was planted with seed provided by Ceres. I think we should be somewhat diligent and make sure that any samples we do send are not derived from Ceres-produced seed.

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From: John Mullet [mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 4:40 PM
To: Schmitt, Brian C.
Cc: Bill Rooney; Bill McCutchen
Subject: Re: MTA with JBEI for [REDACTED], etc.

Brian,

I meant that Ceres has not licensed the lines or hybrid ([REDACTED]) listed above to date. Clearly Ceres has the option of licensing nearly any line depending on terms. If at a later date Ceres does license a genotype used in a third party collaboration, we would then deal with that situation during the licensing process.

In any case, we want to be sure that we understand and protect Ceres and our IP related to energy sorghum. This is why it is important to get clarification from Ceres about the guidelines on third party MTAs.

Thanks,

John

On Sep 7, 2009, at 3:51 PM, Schmitt, Brian C. wrote:

John:

When you say we do not use Ceres Lines, you mean materials that Ceres does not have an option to obtain a commercial license in?

Thanks,

Brian Schmitt

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 1:24 PM

To: Bill Rooney; McCutchen, Bill

Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.; Schmitt, Brian C.; Simpson, Shay

Subject: Fwd: MTA with JBEI for TAMX 08001, etc.

Bill and Bill,

I think we can develop an MTA that is consistent with these guidelines, but I would like your input before I move forward with a specific recommendation.

1. I propose we do not use Ceres Lines (or any materials that have been licensed to Ceres or any other group) in the JBEI collaboration.
2. We can state that we will not provide JBEI with confidential information on the materials we provide.
3. We would agree that JBEI can jointly publish information with us in a timely manner, once any IP is captured.
4. I think we can also agree that preliminary data and reports will remain confidential until data is published or both parties agree that the information should be made public.

Let me know what you think.

Also, it would be useful to get Ceres to clarify what restrictions, if any, they would recommend we include in MTA's related to energy sorghum. I assume Shay is following up on that with Walter?

Thanks, John

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jaklevic, Burnley E." <Burnley.Jaklevic@tamu.edu>

Date: September 4, 2009 12:17:09 PM CDT

To: "Mullet, John E." <jmullet@tamu.edu>

Cc: "Hurley, Janie C." <JHurley@tamu.edu>, "Schmitt, Brian C." <Brian.Schmitt@tamu.edu>

Subject: MTA with JBEI for [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. Mullet:

I wanted to update you on the status of the MTA between A&M and the JBEI. Lawrence Berkeley (on behalf of JBEI) has reviewed the MTA we provided them, and they have certain issues. Based on this, I have a few questions for you regarding this matter that I would like to get your input on.

- 1) JBEI cannot accept confidential information on behalf of the entire consortium.
 - Is there any confidential information you will be

- providing to any of the parties within the JBEI?
 - If there is confidential information, we would need to enter into a confidentiality agreement with Sandia, since they would be performing the analysis
- 2) JBEI would like to be able to publish articles and reports based on their analysis of the material; they have indicated that they would do so in a manner that does not divulge the unique characteristics of the materials. They will provide such publications to AgriLife.
 - Would this be acceptable to you?
 - 3) JBEI would like any reports they generate to be kept confidential until they publish the information, or make it public.
 - This may prevent you from publishing, or from providing information to third parties
 - Would this be acceptable to you?
 - Would this be acceptable to Ceres?

I look forward to getting your opinions on these issues.

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Best regards,

Burnley

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Gil Ronen \(NRGene\)"](#)
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:07:00 AM

Gil:

At this time, we recommend that existing sweet sorghum varieties be used to produce sweet sorghum hybrids. These varieties range from [REDACTED] and all are publicly available.

regards,

bill

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From: Gil Ronen (NRGene) [mailto:gilronen133@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 6:02 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Ari Rosenberg
Subject: TAMU SWS lines

Hi Bill

It seems we are at Cleanergy-Seeds, on the final stages of licensing the sweet-sorghum parental lines from TAMU, bred by yourself. The license agreement lists A and B lines only. As I assume the female has a cytoplasmic male sterility, I wonder are there restorer (R) lines for each female, we need to receive, for its propagation?

Best regards

Gil

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Avant, Bob"](#)
Subject: RE: Resumes
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:32:00 AM

bob:

That is fine, but I need the form.

I've got class duties until 11:00 am and cannot tend to it until then.

bill

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From: Avant, Bob [mailto:bavant@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:16 AM
To: Bill Rooney; shay-simpson@tamu.edu; Spurlin, Shayna
Cc: Zafer, Mitch; Elliott, Jim
Subject: RE: Resumes
Importance: High

Bill, Is it OK to include you as the PI for the AgriLife Research contribution? If so I believe GA will need CV on special form. Correct Shay or Shayna?

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From: Elliott, Jim [mailto:Jim.Elliott@ga.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 12:37 AM
To: Avant, Bob
Cc: Zafer, Mitch
Subject: FW: Resumes

Bob,
Who's resume should we use for the overall PI for TAMU in the DOE FOA123 proposal?
Please cc Mitch with the answer.
Jim

From: Zafer, Mitch
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 3:40 PM
To: Schwedock, Marvin
Cc: Elliott, Jim; Jensen, Dan; Hughes, Gil
Subject: RE: Resumes

Hi Jim,

Some input on TAMU resumes, please:

Would you know who is the lead PI? We have only resumes for Richardson, Searcy, and Rooney. Common thought is that Avant is lead PI. We do not have his resume.

Please advise.

Mitch

From: Schwedock, Marvin
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 3:39 PM
To: Zafer, Mitch
Subject: RE: Resumes

Hi Mitch

Of all those names, I only recognize Richardson of TAMU. My advice is to stick with your best guess but you may want to contact the GA POC for the two. If memory serves me, Jim Elliott is POC at least for TSRI. Jim has responded a number of times to me today.

Marvin

From: Zafer, Mitch
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 3:28 PM
To: Schwedock, Marvin
Cc: Hughes, Gil
Subject: RE: Resumes

Hi Marvin,

Thanks for the input. We have neither Mayfield's nor Avants resumes. The following resumes have been received:

TAMU: Richardson, Searcy, Rooney
TSRI: Ward, Caya, Chang, Lau, Nguyen

Please advise.

Mitchel Zafer

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From: Schwedock, Marvin
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 3:24 PM
To: Zafer, Mitch
Cc: Hughes, Gil
Subject: RE: Resumes

Hi Mitch,
I had emailed you this morning that Neste's PI is indeed Kuuppo (two p's). I don't know who is the GA POC for the other two, and I don't have access to the common drive from home, but I would make TSRI - Stephen Mayfield and TAMU - Bob Avant.

Marvin

From: Zafer, Mitch
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 3:10 PM
To: Schwedock, Marvin
Cc: Hughes, Gil
Subject: Resumes

Marvin

Haven't heard back from anyone on TSRI, Neste, or TAMU for lead PI, so I have chosen those with the most credentials. They are as follows:

TSRI – Chang
Neste – Kuuppo
TAM – Searcy

Mitchel Zafer

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Nelson, Michelle"](#)
Cc: ["Simpson, Shay"](#)
Subject: RE: DUPONT
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 11:52:00 AM

Michelle and Shay:

We'll just meet at my office in the Foundation Seed Building. Just talked with Tom Koranek and they'll be here 8 am.

regards,

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From: Nelson, Michelle [mailto:m_nelson@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Simpson, Shay
Subject: DUPONT

Dr. Rooney,
Where is the Dupont meeting tomorrow morning? Shay and I will be there.
Thanks.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
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Subject: RE: GOAL 1
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 5:44:00 PM

Bob:

I'm trying to work the issues on these objectives in Goal 1. I expect to have something to you later this evening.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Avant, Bob [<mailto:bavant@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 5:27 PM
To: Mullet, John E.; Bill Rooney
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: RE: GOAL 1

Bill R your thoughts. Good idea but budget issue?

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From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 2:18 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Avant, Bob
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: GOAL 1

Bill and Bob,

If testing is done in three locations in years 1/2 (CS, Weslaco, Hawaii), can we add more locations in years 3-5 depending on DOD's longer term requirements? I like the idea of adding Beaumont as a higher rainfall location (gulf coast), PR as a tropical location, and Pecos for saline irrigation if possible at some point. Of course this will depend on DOD targeted locations and whether it is valid to project from these sites onto DOD sites.

It may be worth talking to DARPA about scale up at a 'good location' including conversion with transport of advanced fuels to other locations.

We could engage Ceres in testing energy sorghum in Hawaii in years 1-2, then 1-2 additional sites in years 3-5. Do we have an understanding what to budget for this activity?

Just trying to get a good draft finished by Thursday.

Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Edgar Haro"](#)
Cc: ["Jeff Gwyn"](#); ["dustin borden"](#)
Subject: RE: Harvesting sweet materials
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:13:00 PM

Edgar:

I think (but I'll ask Dustin to confirm) that our mill is in Lubbock, being used by some of our collaborators.

If that is the case, then you might check with Juerg. His mill is here in town.

regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Edgar Haro [mailto:eharo@ceres-inc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 5:23 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Jeff Gwyn
Subject: Harvesting sweet materials

Hi Bill,

We would like to harvest a few plots off our sweet YT and would like to test your mill if possible. Bud took off with the big mill and ours is not ready yet. We think on working this coming Thursday-Monday.

These are same hybrids that Clint shared seed with you.

Please feel free to come and see them if you would like to see how they look like in late plantings.

Thanks,
Edgar

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Bud Wylie](#)"
Subject: RE: anthranose nurseries
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:15:00 PM

thanks, bill

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From: Bud Wylie [mailto:bwylie@ceres-inc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Collins, Stephen D; Walter Nelson
Subject: RE: anthranose nurseries

Plots are soft-hard dough. You need to get a map from Edgar for the layout.

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From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:35 PM
To: Bud Wylie
Cc: 'Collins, Stephen D'; Walter Nelson
Subject: anthranose nurseries

Bud:

Did you get by the test plots in Alabama and Georgia? If so, can you give us an assessment of the status of the nursery? Specifically, stage of maturity and disease development.

Thanks,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Gould Mike"](#)
Cc: ["McCutchen Bill"](#)
Subject: RE: Presentation at Energy BioSciences Institute
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 6:31:00 PM

Mike:

No problem using some of our slides. There are several that I showed to Shell that I would generally prefer we don't widely distribute. I will work up a set of slides from that presentation that are good for general distribution.

regards,
bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gould Mike [mailto:jmgould@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 10:27 AM
To: Rooney Bill
Cc: McCutchen Bill F. ; Avant Bob; Brian Schmitt C.
Subject: Presentation at Energy BioSciences Institute

Hi Bill,

Chris Somerville has invited me to make a presentation on Miscane at the Energy BioSciences Institute at Berkeley. I would like to broaden the topic to also include your sorcane, misorcane, etc work. Would you be willing to share some of the slides that you have been using for non-NDA protected presentations (eg Shell) for me to incorporate into the presentation? I will of course give proper attribution.

The presentation is scheduled for Nov 3, but they would like a summary of the talk beforehand. I plan to run the materials past Brian to be sure there's nothing in there that could jeopardize any IP.

Thanks.

Mike
Mike Gould
Center Director

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Stelly_David"](#)
Subject: RE: question
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:15:00 AM

David:

It was a long day yesterday, things got a little fuzzy in the middle of the day. Hence, the clarity of mud in that part of the outline.

2. Energycane Pollinator Parent Line Screening
 - a. assess seed set of different energycane pollinators on Tx3361 or other iap sorghums
 - b. select energycane pollinators based on pollen viability, Tx3361 seed set, and progeny performance
 - c. selectively breed energycane specifically for pollination of iap sorghum genotypes.
 - d. test selected derivatives from breeding for enhance pollination of iap sorghum genotypes

That should be better, you can tweak as needed or just insert it as appropriate.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 6:03 AM
To: Rooney Bill
Cc: Stelly_David David M.; Mullet John
Subject: question

Bill: got a moment? I have a couple of questions.

Thanks,

David

Question on Goal 3 Objective 4

Item 2a vs 2b?: do these respectively refer to reproductive characteristics of the pollinator per se, versus seed set on iap sorghums?

- " a. assess seed set of different energycane pollinators"
- "b. seed set":

Item 2d "selected derivatives":

I am not quite sure what was in mind here, and wonder if we might be more explicit. Was this intended to be "characteristics of selected progeny" and/or "characteristics of progeny family"?

2. Energycane Pollinator Parent Screening

- a. assess seed set of different energycane pollinators
- b. seed set
- c. seed viability
- d. selected derivatives

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[McCutchen, Bill](#)"
Subject: RE: Response to Bill McCutcheon -confidential
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:29:00 AM

Bill:

I would like to visit with YOU regarding how to deal with Bob.

I've got meetings this morning through 2 pm, but could stop by your place sometime after 2 pm. Are you available this pm?

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 9:35 PM
To: Schuerman, Peter L.; Avant, Bob; wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Fw: Response to Bill McCutcheon -confidential

Need your brains and some serious thought on how to respond. Is Bob cracking? Just a little?

Bill

From: Robert M. Harris <rharris@silverpalate.com>
To: McCutchen, Bill
Cc: Peter Harris <pharris@silverpalate.com>; Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>; James Harris <jharris@mjharrislaw.com>
Sent: Tue Sep 08 21:25:52 2009
Subject: Response to Bill McCutcheon -confidential

I thought I would put my thoughts down in writing right after my meetings to make sure I include most of the issues discussed.

My first of three meetings was with a Clinical Dietician (that is how they spell it) who is working with us to generate a high antioxidant dietary regimen, incorporating our Grain Berry products. This is not necessarily related to S-CRIT.

My key meeting was with a group of eight or nine professionals of various functions who are knowledgeable about the S-CRIT process and reported that MDA had already submitted some 400 proposals to the state for funding. I also learned that the bigger deadline period is February where up to \$10 million in funding is available for clinical studies and you may be sure MDA will be submitting for those funds, Other findings include:

1. They have communicated in the past with Mr. Chapman of your institution and would be very open to a joint study involving MDA, TAMU and us.
2. There is not time prior to October 1 to file a proposal in which they are the lead entity since they are required to obtain internal board approval. Thus, it would most likely be next year for a sorghum dietary or supplementary proposal unless TAMU would be

the lead entity and they would be the subcontractor. In that case, their internal review board would not get involved.

3. They did not seem impressed with in vitro testing as supportive for an eventual clinical human study. Thus, they recommended to me to support a mouse tumor study that can be completed within 6 months or so. They felt such a study with implantable tumor would be the way to go in preparation for an eventual clinical. They are planning to make a proposal to me on this.

4. Third meeting was with my friend Chief of the Thoracic, Head and Neck Department and his group. We did not discuss C-SPRIT other than they are well represented in that

For an old grocery guy, maybe we ought to stick to our knitting and let the cancer fighters go after government funding for which they are far better prepared than we. We need to market our products and make sure the program is successful in the market. We still stand by our proposal to work with your people as stated if you can take a different approach than your normal MO. Best regards.

Bob Harris

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Ari Rosenberg"](#)
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:31:00 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:07 AM
To: 'Gil Ronen (NRGene)'
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines

Gil:

At this time, we recommend that existing sweet sorghum varieties be used to produce sweet sorghum hybrids. These varieties range from [REDACTED] and all are publicly available.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gil Ronen (NRGene) [mailto:gilronen133@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 6:02 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Ari Rosenberg
Subject: TAMU SWS lines

Hi Bill

It seems we are at Cleanergy-Seeds, on the final stages of licensing the sweet-sorghum parental lines from TAMU, bred by yourself.
The license agreement lists A and B lines only. As I assume the female has a cytoplasmic male sterility, I wonder are there restorer (R) lines for each female, we need to receive, for its propagation?

Best regards

Gil

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ari Rosenberg [mailto:ari@rosok-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 5:36 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Gil Ronen (NRGene)
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines

Dear Bil,

As Gil is on vacation and in light of the fact that the only open issue is the question re the R line, I kindly ask ou to refer to Gil's question below.

Regards,

Ari Rosenberg

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Gil

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Juan Pablo Rebolledo R."](#)
Subject: RE: VISIT TO COLLAGE STATION
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 3:05:00 PM

Juan Pablo:

I have to teach class tomorrow until noon. I can be available tomorrow afternoon if you are still meeting at that time.

I would recommend that either you or Walter Nelson give me a call tomorrow and let me know if and when I should come out for a visit.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Juan Pablo Rebolledo R. [mailto:juan.re@lagreenfuels.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: VISIT TO COLLAGE STATION

Hello Bill

Mauricio, Willie and I will be tomorrow at college station to a day with CERES related to our jointly work and the preliminary data of the hybrids here in Lacassine. We really would like to see you there and probably participate in some discussion. Are you in available?

Regards



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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Simpson, Shay"](#); ["Spurlin, Shayna"](#)
Cc: ["Avant, Bob"](#); ["McCutchen, Bill"](#); ["James Richardson"](#); ["Steve Searcy"](#)
Subject: RE: GA Consortium Proposal - Cut back
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 5:19:00 PM

Shay and Shayna:

First, it was hard enough to figure out these stupid forms the first time (when it was blank and I had to add only my information). Now, forget it, I don't have enough brain cells left for that.

Original Budget for my section was \$ [REDACTED]. A 20% reduction would be [REDACTED] total. So, my reductions are as follows:

1 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

That is a little more than 20% but I'm sure I'm not calculating fringe and overhead exactly right, so there is a buffer.

If you folks can get that on the document, I'm a thankin' you.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Simpson, Shay [mailto:shay-simpson@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 4:30 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Steve Searcy; James Richardson
Cc: Spurlin, Shayna; Avant, Bob; McCutchen, Bill; Nelson, Michelle
Subject: GA Consortium Proposal - Cut back
Importance: High

Bill, Steve, and James:

David Hazlebeck just spoke with Bob Avant to say that our Federal requested amount of [REDACTED] Million is too high and needs to be cut back to [REDACTED] M. This is a 20% reduction. Shayna and I are working on getting a different Consortium proposal out the door and can not switch to the GA Consortium until tomorrow.

We need you each to cut your budgets back however you see appropriate by 20% each.

I've attached the Final Budget internal form where Shayna combined all of your tasks. This form has many items broken down easily for you to see where your task is mentioned. However, some things like tuition are not broken down. If you modify those things that are not broken down by task, please note such in your reply email.

I've also attached the Final Budget Justification where Shayna also combined all of your tasks. It is straightforward how the tasks are split apart, so please work only in your task area. Don't worry about changing the Fringe tab or Indirect tab as those we will handle in the justification form.

We will need your changes by 2 PM tomorrow (Thursday).

I hope this will be the last request on this consortium proposal.

Thanks,
Shay

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Patricia Klein](#)"
Subject: RE: anthracnose population
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 5:23:00 PM

We know the stage of maturity, but not disease severity. Delroy is traveling to other sites the next two weeks; we should get a little more information from Ceres tomorrow; then we'll make some decisions.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Klein [<mailto:pklein@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 8:04 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: anthracnose population

Bill

Did you ever get any information or photos from Bud Wylie concerning the anthracnose materials in AL or GA? I am wondering what the status of phenotyping is and whether Arun and Delroy will be heading that way soon.

Thanks
Trish

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "nileshdighe@tamu.edu"
Subject: FW: The Unscrambler® 9.8 Download#20090910110909
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:45:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sabya Goswami [<mailto:sgoswami@camo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:40 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: The Unscrambler® 9.8 Download#20090910110909

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "Nilesh Dighe"
Subject: FW: The Unscrambler® 9.8- Product activation details
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 7:29:00 AM

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From: sgoswami@camo.com [<mailto:sgoswami@camo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:53 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: The Unscrambler® 9.8- Product activation details

Dear Dr. Bill Rooney,

Product : The Unscrambler® 9.8
Machine ID : [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
License Type : 30-Day Trial

NOTE: This activation key is valid only on the system from which product activation was requested.

Thank you for your interest in our product.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[David Baltensperger](#)"; "[Lynette Huval](#)"
Cc: "[Juerg Blumenthal](#)"; "[Carol Rhodes](#)"
Subject: RE: 09-460 Public Information Request
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:04:00 PM

David and Lynette:

This is the first time that I have seen a Public Information Request for information pertaining to Ceres.

I have had counsel here to cover a request on information on the sorghum line [REDACTED] but on the NOT Ceres agreement and MTAs.

The information that they are requesting should be on file at the OTC. The appropriate contacts at the OTC are Peter Schuerman and Brian Schmitt.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Baltensperger [<mailto:DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 4:32 PM
To: Juerg Blumenthal; Lynette Huval; Carol Rhodes; Bill L Rooney
Subject: Re: 09-460 Public Information Request

Lynette,

For some reason I don't have a record of this request. I am sure Dr. Rooney has been involved some in this and I signed several, but the permanent files on these documents should be in OTC.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynette Huval
To: Baltensperger, David <DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
Cc: Young, Judy <JYoung@ag.tamu.edu>
Cc: Sams, Alan <asams@tamu.edu>
Cc: <cj-rhodes@tamu.edu>

Sent: 9/10/2009 4:23:00 PM
Subject: 09-460 Public Information Request

Dr. Baltensperger,

If your department has no documentation pertaining to this request for records, please send me an email indicating such.

Lynette

Original Message Sent:

Dr. Blatensperger,

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, a request for records in possession of Texas A&M has come for the following information:

1. All agreements with Ceres, Inc., in their entirety, in force at any time between January 1, 2005 and the present.
2. To the extent not contained in reply to item #1, all Material Transfer Agreements executed with Ceres, Inc. (or its employees, subsidiaries, etc.), from January 1, 2005 to the present.

If documentation exists, please send to my attention in electronic format no later than September 9, 2009.

Thank you,
Lynette

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Hale, Anna"](#)
Subject: RE: Brix
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:07:00 PM

Anna:

I depends on the hybrid. They all will be below 10%, with the vast majority less than 6% and some as low as 3%.

Your application was available to the committee. I'm pushing for an interview, but I have not had any discussion with the folks from Weslaco to know where they stand. I expect you'll get an interview.

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hale, Anna [mailto:Anna.Hale@ARS.USDA.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 4:32 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Brix

Bill-

Do you have any idea what a grain sorghum Brix would be?

Was my application received?

Anna

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Bahree, Megha](#)"
Subject: RE: Forbes query - on deadline
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:14:00 PM

Megha:

Soil is composed of silt, sand and clay. Those percentages are completely within normal ranges, so they mean nothing. You can't tell if soil is contaminated unless you look for the contaminants. Nothing you wrote indicates that they have done so.

I'm not a soil scientist so I don't know the appropriate test, but it seems that if those claims are made it would be pretty easy to identify the problem.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bahree, Megha [<mailto:MBahree@forbes.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 2:41 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Forbes query - on deadline
Importance: High

Dear Bill,

How are you? Hope all is well.

I'm working on another story - this is on mining for iron ore in India. The area that I am focusing on, over there the locals have complained that because of the run off mining waste, their agricultural fields (used to grow paddy) have been ruined and the soil has become infertile. A scientific team carried out some soil analysis and found that it had 83-86% silt and 11-13% clay. It also said that the soil had lost its fertility. I wanted to ask you what do these %ages mean. Is this a lot of silt and clay in the soil or is this normal? What is the impact of this amount of silt and clay on soil? We go to press this evening so I'd really appreciate it if you could get back to me by around 5-5.30pm EST.

Thanks in advance,
Megha

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Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:19:00 PM

Ari:

No, the females are not related to [REDACTED]. The source of stalk sugar in these females is derived from an old cultivar [REDACTED].

regards,

bill

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From: Ari Rosenberg [mailto:ari@rosok-law.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines

Bill,

Thanks you. Gil asks if this means that your female line is genetic similar to either [REDACTED]

Regards,

Ari Rosenberg

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Best regards

Gil

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ari Rosenberg [mailto:ari@rosok-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 5:36 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Gil Ronen (NRGene)
Subject: RE: TAMU SWS lines

Dear Bil,

As Gil is on vacation and in light of the fact that the only open issue is the question re the R line, I kindly ask ou to refer to Gil's question below.

Regards,

Ari Rosenberg

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From: Gil Ronen (NRGene) [mailto:gilronen133@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 2:02 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Ari Rosenberg
Subject: TAMU SWS lines

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Best regards

Gil

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Carlos Ludlow"](#)
Subject: RE: VISIT
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:23:00 PM

Carlos:

Yes, you can pay all at the same time. I'll bring an invoice.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 7:46 AM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Subject: RE: VISIT

Very good.

Sergio will arrive by the same time. I'll pick up both of you.

We'll arrange for all transportation and lodging.

Saludos.

=====

Carlos Ludlow

Coordinador General
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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: jueves, 10 de septiembre de 2009 06:36 a.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIT

Carlos:

I have reservations to fly to Leon on Thursday afternoon and return to Houston on Saturday morning. Please see attached file for the details.

I assume that you will arrange transportation and lodging as appropriate for my stay.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with you.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:30 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Jesus Campos'; Sergio Serna Saldivar; 'Roberto Macias'
Subject: RV: VISIT

Dear Bill,

Please advise the flights options, so we can prepare the visit to the sweet sorghum trial areas.

Saludos

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De: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Enviado el: viernes, 04 de septiembre de 2009 05:45 p.m.
Para: 'Bill Rooney'
Asunto: RE: VISIT

Perfect.

Advise flights schedules.

Saludos

=====
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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: viernes, 04 de septiembre de 2009 05:39 p.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIT

Carlos:

The meeting is confirmed. With your approval, I will make the following reservations on Continental Airlines. Right now, the cost of the ticket is \$583.27

On this schedule, I will be available for discussions Thursday evening and all day on Friday.

I will make the reservations upon your agreement.

regards,

bill

Flight Details:				
Depart: 2:40 p.m. Thu., Sep. 24, 2009 Houston, TX (IAH - Intercontinental)	Arrive: 4:43 p.m. Thu., Sep. 24, 2009 Leon/Guanajuato, Mexico (BJX)	Travel Time: 2 hr 3 mn	OnePass Miles/ Elite Qualification*: 756 /100%	Flight: CO2232 Aircraft: Embraer RJ145 Fare Class: Economy (W)
Continental flight 2232 operated by ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. dba Continental Express.				
Depart: 7:00 a.m. Sat., Sep. 26, 2009 Leon/Guanajuato, Mexico (BJX)	Arrive: 9:00 a.m. Sat., Sep. 26, 2009 Houston, TX (IAH - Intercontinental)	Travel Time: 2 hr 0 mn	OnePass Miles/ Elite Qualification*: 756 /100%	Flight: CO2011 Aircraft: Embraer RJ145 Fare Class: Economy (W) Meal: Snack No Special Meal Offered.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 3:18 PM
To: 'Dr. William L. Rooney'

Cc: 'Jesús Campos Orozco'; 'Roberto Macías Rodríguez'; 'Alvaro Pérez Perez'; Sergio Serna Saldivar; 'Ricardo De la Torre Hernández'; 'Margarito Reynaga Vielma'; 'Humberto Ascencio'
Subject: RE: VISIT

Dear Bill,

Can we confirm your visit to make all the arrangements?

Please advise about flights

Saludos

=====

Carlos Ludlow

Coordinador General
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De: Carlos Ludlow S [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Enviado el: miércoles, 02 de septiembre de 2009 07:27 p.m.
Para: Dr. William L. Rooney
CC: Jesús Campos Orozco; Roberto Macías Rodríguez; Alvaro Pérez Perez
Asunto: Re: VISIT

Dear Bill,

Confirmed for those dates.

Please advise your preferred flights. We can buy directly, or reimburse, as you prefer.

I'll send you a program. I'll like to have an extensive presentation from your findings and experience.

Saludos

Carlos Ludlow

Enviado desde mi oficina móvil BlackBerry® de Telcel

From: "Bill Rooney"
Date: Wed, 2 Sep 2009 18:53:52 -0500
To: 'Carlos Ludlow' <cludlow@bioe.com.mx>
Subject: RE: VISIT
[Carlos:](#)

[Do you have an update on the feasibility of Sept 24-26?](#)

[It will work for me, if I can leave early on Saturday, Sept 26.](#)

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 10:33 AM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Jesus Campos'; Sergio Serna Saldivar
Subject: RE: VISIT

Bill,

So, please consider traveling Thursday 24 and returning sat 26 september.

If you like we can arrange for some tourist visits in Guanajuato city for Saturday morning.

Please advise your desired flights.

I am asking all people involved from our side, including Dr. Serna, to confirm their availability. I'll confirm you next Tuesday

at the most late.

Saludos and thanks.

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: viernes, 28 de agosto de 2009 06:55 a.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIR

Carlos:

The timeline Thurs pm to Sat am is good, but I can not travel Sept 17-19 due to meetings in College Station

The earliest dates for both schedules is the week of Sept 21.

If I leave Thurs pm and return Sat am, then that would be 1.5 consulting days. The fee would be \$2100 + travel expenses.

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----
From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 5:56 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Subject: RE: VISIR

Bill,

If you can flight Thursday noon and arrive to Leon by late afternoon, we can work all Friday and you can flight back Saturday.

Would that be possible? Week of Sept 14 will be better or sept 21. The sooner the best you can see the plantations.

Would that be one day or two days consulting fee?

Please advise

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: jueves, 27 de agosto de 2009 05:36 p.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIR

Carlos:

Thanks for your note.

My experience is primarily focused on sweet sorghum production, biology, genetics, and physiology. Based on my interaction with industry, I know a fair amount regarding harvest and harvest logistics.

My schedule is not so easy; I have to teach on Tuesday and Thursday, and since classes don't start until next week, I'm not sure which day is best for me to miss.

The first available time is the week of September 21, although I will not be able to pick the specific dates until classes

begin next Tuesday.

I can fly to either Leon or Mexico City - Continental flies direct to both on a daily basis, so I will travel to the location most beneficial to you.

I consider this a consulting trip; my fee is [REDACTED] plus travel expenses. I wanted you to be aware before we start - if there are any questions, please let me know.

I'm available for a call tomorrow afternoon. Next week, I can join a conference call in the evening hours (after 6pm CDT) anyday except Friday.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 4:26 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar'; 'Jesús Campos'; 'MACIAS RODRIGUEZ Roberto Enrique'
Subject: VISIR

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your prompt response.

Our group is in the process of setting up the complete (My God!) value chain having its center in the bioethanol, that Mexico is heading to use by end of 2010. You very imagine the magnitude of the project, starting with plantations (and seeds and fertilizers, etc) and extending to biomass bagasse, hot water, etc. utilization, We will talk a lot on this issue

Our best option is the sweet sorghum, which we have bring studying for two years. After a whole day session, with Sergio Serna we see this option more and more as the way to go.

This same week we are harvesting the first samples of the 20 varieties under study, so a visit from you as early as possible will be very important.

When and how would to suggest we establish this relation? On dates, we are open, excluding Sept 9 to Sept 16.

You can flight either to Mexico City, where we can meet with other investors, or to Querétaro Airport or Bajío Airport (City of Leon in Guanajuato State.)

Please acknowledge and give a proper time for a conference call and for a two day visit.

Muchos saludos

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De: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]
Enviado el: miércoles, 26 de agosto de 2009 03:55 p.m.
Para: cludlow@bioe.com.mx
CC: 'Bill Rooney'
Asunto: FW:

Dear Bill: I am forwarding your email to Ing. Carlos Ludlow (cludlow@bioe.com.mx) who is the leader of the sweet sorghum ethanol project. Thanks for your prompt response and willing to accept their invitation to visit Queretaro. Sergio

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Miércoles, 26 de Agosto de 2009 01:30 p.m.
To: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar'

Subject: RE:

Sergio

Thanks for the note - Megan and the boys are fine. Will is starting at TAMU as a freshman, co majoring in Ag Engineering and Poultry Science. Time moves on.

Yes I would be interested in seeing what they are doing. If you can put me in contact with them, that would be great.

My best to you and your family.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 11:16 AM

To: 'Bill Rooney'

Subject:

Dear Bill: hope you, Megan and the family are doing OK. I am contacting you because the JADE Bioethanol group wants to invite you to Queretaro to talk about weet sorghum and biomass sorghum. FYI they are running the second cycle of 16 entries of sweet sorghums from ICRISAT. They are willing to pay your expenses and the consulting fee. Are you interested? Please let me know. Sergio

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Hale, Anna"](#)
Subject: RE: Brix
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 8:19:00 AM

Anna:

I guess I really don't see any debate regarding whether these are hybrids. If the brix is written as evidence of hybridization, then we will change that because the preponderance of evidence (phenotype, cytological) already shows they are hybrids.

That been said, the brix of [REDACTED] at maturity averages 2.5%, if you can extract any juice to measure from the plant. Suffice it to say, [REDACTED] is a moderately dry stalk, non-sweet grain sorghum type.

I don't know if the paper will be accepted as is, most never are. But I'm almost positive it will be accepted with some revisions. Rather than speculate about the possible responses from potential reviewers, I'm ready to let them reviewer respond to the real responses.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hale, Anna [mailto:Anna.Hale@ARS.USDA.GOV]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: Brix

Thanks. I'm trying to put some finishing touches on this paper. George cites the Brix levels as evidence that these are hybrids. In my opinion, this is not evidence if you don't know what the parental Brix levels were. I can come up with Brix for the males, but of course, it is dependent on the time of year. I have Brix for all of them, but only in late November or early December. Do you know what [REDACTED] is?

Do you think this paper is going to be accepted as is? It seems to be lacking a lot of detail.

Anna

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:07 PM
To: Hale, Anna
Subject: RE: Brix

Anna:

I depends on the hybrid. They all will be below 10%, with the vast majority less than 6% and some as low as 3%.

You application was available to the committee. I'm pushing for an interview, but I have not had any discussion with the folks from Weslaco to know where they stand. I expect you'll get an interview.

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hale, Anna [mailto:Anna.Hale@ARS.USDA.GOV]

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 4:32 PM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: Brix

Bill-

Do you have any idea what a grain sorghum Brix would be?

Was my application received?

Anna

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Jeffrey Wilson"](#); ["Jeffrey N Wilson"](#)
Subject: meet today
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 11:39:00 AM

Jeff are we on schedule to meet this afternoon. I have 2 pm in 437 Heep. Please confirm to the committee.

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Lloyd Rooney](#)"
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:30:00 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schuerman, Peter L. [mailto:PSchuerman@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:58 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject:

Bill, I spoke with Dr. McCutchen about NIC/Bob Harris and their continuing interest.

I'm going to go back to basics here. I propose we ask for █% of all sorghum-product sales, plus █ as a one-time fee, in exchange for granting rights in existing black and yellow sorghums, plus future black and yellow sorghums that are bred by AgriLife.

To make this work, I would further propose that if the royalty revenue from NIC is less than █ per year for two consecutive years, we'd be able to terminate the agreement. Note that, as per the revenue split of █, this would mean no less than █ to AgriLife and █ to the breeders. If they wanted to keep the agreement going, they could pay the difference, so we'd end up at █.

We would have them report on the volume of each type of sorghum produced, and distribute royalties on a *pro rata* basis.

Please let me know what you think.

-Peter

Peter Schuerman, Ph.D.

Director, Licensing and Intellectual Property
Texas A&M University System <http://otc.tamu.edu>
Office of Technology Commercialization 979.845.0907

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Audie Sciumbato"](#)
Subject: RE: Sorghum Sterility
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:40:00 PM

Audie:

I've checked flights and neither Continental, Southwest or American are very good for a day trip. The best that I could do was about six hours in amarillo (10:30 and leave at 4:20). Given the chance of delays, that simply doesn't leave much time.

A second possibility would be for me to leave College Station Tuesday afternoon. I could arrive in Amarillo around 4pm and we could work into the evening. There is a flight out at 10:30 am that gets me back to CS in time for 3 pm meetings which I need to attend. W

So,

1. is six hours enough time to travel and see what is necessary?
2. If not, is the second option Tues/Weds agreeable?

Please advise, I can do either, I just want to make sure that we have the time necessary..

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Audie Sciumbato [mailto:Audie.Sciumbato@uwlaw.com]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:10 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Sorghum Sterility

Dr. Rooney-

We sure appreciate your willingness to meet with us on such short notice. My contact information is below. In addition, my cell # is (979) 255-9215. Please let me know when we can expect you on Monday.

Hope everything else is going well down in College Station these days-

Audie

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Gould Mike"](#)
Subject: RE: Reminder: Chevron Weslaco Visit October 14-16
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:47:00 PM

Mike:

I have teaching responsibilities on Tues/Thurs this fall. If it is possible, when you are putting together the agendan, please schedule the sorghum presentations on Friday morning. That would allow me to teach on Tuesday morning, travel down Tues afternoon/evening and meet on Friday. I'll likely be in Weslaco for the weekend working the fall nursery.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gould Mike [mailto:jmgould@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 10:55 AM
To: Rooney Bill; Mullet John; Marty Dickman; Mirkov Erik; El-Hout Nael
Cc: Hernandez Eduardo; McGee Robert; Goodman Donna; John Jifon; Shay Simpson; McCutchen Bill F. ; Avant Bob
Subject: Reminder: Chevron Weslaco Visit October 14-16
Importance: High

Reminder: The Chevron visit to the Weslaco Center is scheduled for October 14-16. We are currently developing an agenda, but for those who will be traveling to Weslaco, plan on arriving on the 14th with activities starting on the 15th.

Mike
Mike Gould
Center Director

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["McCutchen, Bill"](#)
Cc: ["Schuerman, Peter L."](#)
Subject: RE: Call
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:14:00 PM

Bill:

I received an e-mail from Peter this morning (he sent it last night). I've asked Lloyd R. to review the proposed changes and I'll visit with him around 3 pm. I'll be ready to visit with peanut after that.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [<mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:11 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: Call

Bill,

Peter will (or has) call you concerning SP.

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["McCutchen, Bill"](#)
Subject: RE: Call
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:32:00 PM

Wow, that was a Freudian slip. I'm sitting in a committee meeting for a Ph.D. student working in peanut breeding.

Kind of odd how the brain works.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [<mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:21 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: Re: Call

Thanks Bill. Peanut?

What you do with peanuts is your business on your own time. Personally looking at a couple of cold ones - been a long week.

Have a good one.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: McCutchen, Bill
Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.
Sent: Fri Sep 11 14:14:25 2009
Subject: RE: Call

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Audie Sciumbato"](#)
Subject: RE: Sorghum Sterility
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:53:00 PM

all right. We'll do it.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Audie Sciumbato [mailto:Audie.Sciumbato@uwlaw.com]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: Sorghum Sterility

Dr. Rooney-

It would probably be best to stick to our Monday plan. Although it's not perfect, I think we'll be able to show you what you'd like to see in 6 hours. We're lining up fields to visit in Castro and Randall Counties, and we'll have you back to the airport for your flight home on Monday afternoon.

Thanks for your help-
Audie

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:41 PM
To: Audie Sciumbato
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-----Original Message-----

From: Audie Sciumbato [mailto:Audie.Sciumbato@uwlaw.com]

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:10 PM

To: wlr@tamu.edu

Subject: Sorghum Sterility

Dr. Rooney-

We sure appreciate your willingness to meet with us on such short notice. My contact information is below. In addition, my cell # is [REDACTED] Please let me know when we can expect you on Monday.

Hope everything else is going well down in College Station these days-

Audie

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["L Beran"](#)
Subject: RE: Contact Us
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 4:28:00 PM

Yield is dependent on rainfall.

Rained and dry (like College Station this year) is about 8 - 9 dT/acre. High rainfall conditions, we've seen yields of 12-14 dT in strip trials.

I would expect average yields in the target environments to be 10-12 dT/acre for the first hybrids.

Composition is another subject for discussion when we have more data compiled.

regards,

bill

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From: L Beran [mailto:larryberan@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 4:02 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: FW: Contact Us

Bill,

I forwarded the request below to see if Ceres' might have some published values for their marketing statement. Knowing you have been involved along the way, are you aware of any available values for either the tons of biomass per acre or energy per ton for their new product line of energy sorghum.

Appreciate any information you might have,

Larry

Larry J. Beran, PhD
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From: L Beran [mailto:larryberan@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 10:38 AM
To: 'info@BladeEnergy.com'
Subject: Contact Us

In reading your literature, you make reference to the following:

Yield Matters

We measure yield two ways:

1. tons of biomass per acre and
2. energy per ton of biomass.

Taken together, improvements mean higher revenues, lower production costs, better quality biomass, and greater value for you and your customers.

Do you have any published numbers for the yield measurements for you energy sorghum?

I appreciate any insight you could share,

Larry

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Schuerman, Peter L."](#)
Cc: ["Lloyd Rooney"](#); ["McCutchen, Bill"](#); ["Brummett, Robert G."](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:03:00 PM

Peter

I've talked with all the principles in this discussion and I'm sure that you've heard it from all directions

As I told Bill M., something has to give in these discussions or we should simply quit. The problem with simply quitting is that if anybody is going to be successful in this endeavor, it will be Bob Harris and his group. I have specifically kept in contact with him to monitor his progress and there is no bluff here - they will be rolling product into Kroger stores in selected markets later this month.

So, I do believe that this is the most legitimate opportunity that will be available to us; I think that we should look at alternative approaches so that we are a part of that opportunity.

With regard to the terms you have listed below, I have no problem with them. One thing that I would consider is that SP is scaling up at this time; I don't know what their annual sales will be in year 1 or year 2, so there may be a timeline needed for scaleup to the levels that you are proposing, For example, we would expect minimum royalties of x in year 1, x+y in year 2 to a minimum of 200K in year x. If it drop below for two consecutive years then we have the right to terminate or SP can pay the difference.

I think it is worth sending to Harris. It represents a change in our traditional approach; one that he will at least like because that is the approach that he likes.

regards,
bill

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From: Schuerman, Peter L. [mailto:PSchuerman@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:58 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject:

Bill, I spoke with Dr. McCutchen about NIC/Bob Harris and their continuing interest.

I'm going to go back to basics here. I propose we ask for █% of all sorghum-product sales, plus █ as a one-time fee, in exchange for granting rights in existing black and yellow sorghums, plus future black and yellow sorghums that are bred by AgriLife.

To make this work, I would further propose that if the royalty revenue from NIC is less than

██████████ per year for two consecutive years, we'd be able to terminate the agreement. Note that, as per the revenue split of ██████████ this would mean no less than ██████████ to AgriLife and ██████████ to the breeders. If they wanted to keep the agreement going, they could pay the difference, so we'd end up at ██████████.

We would have them report on the volume of each type of sorghum produced, and distribute royalties on a *pro rata* basis.

Please let me know what you think.

-Peter

Peter Schuerman, Ph.D.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Frank Caropreso"](#)
Subject: RE: Oats Agronomist Search
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:19:00 PM

Frank:

Thanks for sending this to me.

I am not interested in applying for this position, but I've sent it to several that I know who might be good candidates.

If they are interested, I have told them to contact you directly.

regards,

bill

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From: Frank Caropreso [mailto:fcaropreso@hhisearch.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 10:45 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Oats Agronomist Search

Bill

Thanks for your time today; it was a pleasure speaking with you. Per our conversation, I'm attaching the job descriptions for the position at Pepsi. If you are interested, I would appreciate a copy of your resume. If you are not interested, I would appreciate referrals for anyone that might be a good fit for this position..

Thanks

Frank

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Ostilio Portillo](#)"
Subject: RE: Greetings Dr. Rooney.
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:21:00 PM

Ostilio:

We're going forward. I'm ready to offer you an assistantship ONCE you are admitted. I'll check with Wayne Smith to find out when that will happen. As soon as it does, I'll write you an offer letter. I'm good with a January start date, if you can make that timeline.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ostilio Portillo [mailto:oportillo2005@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:01 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Greetings Dr. Rooney.

Good morning Dr. Rooney;

Thanks for your fast response. I prefer to start in January next year, but in the event of possible delays I would not mind to wait till May. However, I would say everything depends on when you would be able to make me an offer to go back to school. In any case, I will keep you informed as soon as I get data from the Office of Admissions.

Ate.

Ostilio.

On Tue, Sep 8, 2009 at 6:17 AM, Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

[Ostilio](#)

As you know, we'll need the TOEFL before we can officially admit you to graduate school (again).....but I will let Wayne Smith know that we have been in conversation.

Are you interested in coming in January or May of next year?

regards,

bill

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From: Ostilio Portillo [mailto:oportillo2005@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Greetings Dr. Rooney.

Good afternoon Dr. Rooney;

I hope this brief note finds you well and without delay I proceed to let you know that a week ago I submitted my application to graduate school at TAMU. It is my understanding that the only pending document is the TOEFL test result which has not been yet submitted to the Admission Office by ETS.

In my conversation with Dr. Wayne Smith he explained me that they will review the documentation and in the following days I should be informed whether or not I will be admitted. I hope everything goes well. I guess that's all I have to say at the moment. Take care.

Ostilio.

On Tue, Aug 11, 2009 at 8:05 AM, Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Ostilio - thanks for the note and the reminder. I'm glad you're still interested in graduate school and I'm still interested in having you back as a Ph.D. student. I've got to check on several issues before I can make you any offer of an assistantship, but if you are ready to apply, I would encourage that be done so that we can move as fast as possible.

regards,

bill

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From: Ostilio Portillo [mailto:oportillo2005@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 8:10 PM
To: Dr. William L. Rooney
Subject: Greetings Dr. Rooney.

Dear professor Rooney;

I hope you are fine by the time you receive this brief e-mail. I just wanted to drop a line to let you know that since my debt with the US State Department is almost done I have started the process to go back to graduate school.

I know it has not been too long since you requested my current status. However, I know time goes fast and if I want to start classes in the spring of 2010 I better start sending applications asap. For that reason, I want to ask you what are the chances to join your team the next semester? Should I apply to the Crop and Soil Department? I will appreciate your input so I can act accordingly.

Take care and I hope to hear from you soon.

Ate.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["C. Wayne Smith"](#)
Subject: Ostilio Portillo
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:25:00 PM

Wayne:

I'm interested in having Ostilio Portillo join my program as a graduate assistant to study for a Ph.D. I know that he has applied; I need to know the status of his application and if I can write him an offer letter.

I have INTSORMIL funding for Central America work and it has been impossible to find a student with suitable background to fill that assistantship. Ostilio is as good as a fit as I could ever find and I'd like to make sure he is back in our program and representing our interests in Central America.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Collins, Stephen D"](#); ["dustin borden"](#)
Subject: FW: Plant collections
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:28:00 PM

When you cut the high biomass sorghums remaining in the RBFT, Don Vietor and his group would like to collect a large amount of that biomass. So before you cut, send them a note to get ready. I think they are looking to collect 4-5,000 lbs of biomass, but you can ask them at that time.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Don Vietor [<mailto:DVietor@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2009 12:38 PM
To: Joe Cothren; Steve Hague; Frank Hons; Bill L Rooney
Subject: Plant collections

Do you have plots from which I can collect diverse plant types for use as specimens in SCSC303 labs this week? If you have plots from which we can sample, please give me direction where on the research farm I can sample. Thanks, Don Vietor

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["RAFAEL NIEVES"](#)
Subject: RE: MEDCO Indonesian Project Update
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:29:00 PM

Rafael:

I can travel in the last week of October. I can leave after Oct 22 and realistically, I need to be back in College Station by October 31. I have to travel to Pittsburgh on November 1.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: RAFAEL NIEVES [mailto:randcnieves@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:50 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: MEDCO Indonesian Project Update

Bill,

We're beginning to plan for the trip to Indonesia. Please remind me what day in November do you have to be back to A&M?

Rafael

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[John L Jifon](#)"
Subject: RE: Interview Guides & Evaluation Forms
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:32:00 PM

John

Any information on whether we will be invite Anna for an interview?

I'd ask the same for Nilesh Dighe, but we're too late. He has been offered a job with Monsanto and he plans to accept that position.

Regards,

Bill

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From: John L Jifon [<mailto:jjifon@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:25 PM
To: Erik Mirkov; Nael El-Hout; Qingyi Yu; C. Wayne Smith; Bill L Rooney
Cc: J. Michael Gould
Subject: Interview Guides & Evaluation Forms

Dear all,
Attached are some Interview Guides from HR and & Evaluation Forms for each candidate.
Thanks
John.

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: Thanks
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:39:00 PM

Bob:

Glad to be able to visit with you. This week has been a little crazy - both at work and at home, so Megan and I have not had much time to discuss product ideas/formulation. We did have a conversation about it and she was certainly interested in reviving her food science skills.

So, let us get a conversation about it and then we'll get back to you.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Robert M. Harris [<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:44 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Thanks

I very much appreciated your visit last evening with 3 to 4 hours of driving both ways. As always, it was good to see you and discuss our project. Your idea of enlisting Megan to formulate gluten free grain-based foods is wonderful. We will need to arrive at an hourly fee for her time and expenses for ingredients.

When you get a chance, please let me know the seed companies for our files. Thanks again.

Bob

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Mullet, John E"](#)
Cc: ["McCutchen, Bill"](#); ["Avant, Bob"](#); ["Stelly, David Stelly"](#)
Subject: DARPA draft, meeting plan
Date: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:48:00 PM

John (or Bill)

Can you send me a copy of the version that was submitted to Giroir (or the most recent version that you have). I may have it, but I'm not sure which one it is.

I'd also, at some point, early next week like for at least John, David, Bob and/or Bill, and myself to get together and discuss how to approach the rapidly diminishing time that we have so that it is well coordinated. Having said that, I'm available on Tuesday afternoon and most of Wednesday (until 4:00 pm).

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Stelly David"](#)
Cc: ["Young Judy"](#); ["David Baltensperger"](#)
Subject: RE: P&T Subcommittee
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009 8:34:00 AM

David:

I can review Amir's package.

First, I need a copy of the Tenure package. Can you (or Judy) send that to me?

Second, Amir is up for tenure only. Are the requirements any different than they would be for promotion and tenure? Ie, are we asking for performance at the Associate Professor level (which is somewhat confusing because we've already given him the rank of Associate Professor.....).

Regards,

bill

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From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2009 12:19 AM
To: Loeppert Dick; Hallmark Tom; Zuberer David; Zhang Hongbin; Smith C. Wayne; Scott Senseman; Baumann Paul; Joe Cothren; McInnes Kevin; Chandler J. Michael; Rooney Bill; White Richard; Sam Feagley; Kevin Bronson
Cc: Young Judy; David Baltensperger
Subject: P&T Subcommittee

Dear Gents,

We are fast approaching the P&T process that we go through each fall, and the Department needs a few minutes of your time to facilitate this process. The target the overall SCSC P&T Committee voting will tentatively be **NOON Sept. 21 (Mon)**;

Before then, we need a couple of individuals to conduct a detailed review of a each candidate and to subsequently report a short assessment to the overall SCSC P&T Committee, and add in those comments, to prepare for presentation to the overall P&T Committee. I developed a list of prospective reviewers in consultation with Dr. Baltensperger, and thus the prospective membership of this P&T Subcommittee.

Please see the accompanying image of a Table in which I have indicated 2 diverse reviewers for each candidate (7), one a mentor and one not a mentor

of the respective candidates. We need contrasting perspectives to be maximally effective. Please let me know ASAP if there is a glaring problem that you see in this strategy or ad hoc assignments.

As a member of this Subcommittee you will be called upon for only 1 assessment to complete for this Subcommittee, 1 written synopsis to prepare, share and orally present at the **prospective subcommittee meeting sometime Wed Sept 16**; incorporate subcommittee suggestions & comments 1 similar oral synopsis (perhaps also reflecting additional input by the subcommittee) to the Overall SCSC P&T Committee on Monday Sept 21.

Would you please do the following:

[1] INDICATE THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE ON THIS SUBCOMMITTEE?

[2] Conduct the indicated in-depth assessment?

[3] **SUBCOMMITTEE MTG:** State the times at which you are available (15-minute increments) Sept. 16 (Wednesday), or times not available (TELL US WHICH YOU STATING -- available or unavailable)

[4] **OVERALL COMMITTEE MTG:** Whether or not you can attend the Sept 21 Monday meeting, 12 - 2(?), and if you cannot attend, who you think might be a good choice to present your synopsis to the Overall P&T Committee.

[5] **PLEASE EMAIL the answers to the above to ME and to JUDY YOUNG, preferably using the SAME SUBJECT LINE.**

THANKS!!

David Stelly

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Slovacek, Jackie](#)"
Subject: time availability
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009 8:42:00 AM

I know there are two meetings that I'm involved in that McCutchen has asked for early next week.

My availability is

Monday: OUT
Tuesday: 11 - 3
Wednesday: 8-10
 11-4
Thursday: noon - 5

Those times will work for either meeting, but the DARPA meeting needs to occur by Wednesday.

I expect Lloyd R. was to be involved in the Harris/Silver Palate meeting, but he is in Baltimore for the AACC meeting through Wednesday.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Dugas, William](#)"; "[Jaroy Moore](#)"; "[Baltensperger, David](#)"; "[Bill McConnell](#)"
Cc: "[Juerg Blumenthal](#)"; "[Gary C. Peterson](#)"; "[Carol Rhodes](#)"
Subject: RE: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009 9:07:00 AM

Drs. Moore, Dugas and Baltensperger:

I have two sets of comments with regard to the request of Mr. Hammond:

I know that the sorghum hybrids [REDACTED] are NOT derived from our germplasm. They are wholly generated by Ceres (ie, they had them before they got any germplasm from us). I do not know the pedigree. And thus cannot provide any passport information.

[REDACTED] are Ceres designations - we did not assign those designations. I expect/assume that they are using lines that were generated and/or provided from our program, but again, I don't have the precise pedigree of these materials. Since they don't provide complete pedigrees for all of the material that they send back to me for testing, I can only speculate on the pedigree of the hybrids of those designations. Should I speculate?

Regards,

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From: Dugas, William [<mailto:w-dugas@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2009 5:18 AM
To: Jaroy Moore; Baltensperger, David
Cc: Bill McConnell
Subject: FW: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Jaroy and David,

Attached is another request for information by Mr. Hammond. He is seeking passport information for each exotic germplasm accession that contributed to the sorghum cultivar ES 5200, ES 5201, ES 5140, and ES 5150.

Based upon the recent, similar request, you may have faculty (e.g. Gary P. and Bill R.) that can provide this information to Bill.

Please review, visit w/ your faculty and contact Bill McConnell.

It would be good if Bill knew by Wed. when this information could be available.

Thanks.

Bill

Wm. A. Dugas

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From: Bill McConnell [<mailto:w-mcconnell@tamu.edu>]

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:42 PM

To: Dugas, William

Cc: Loree Lewis

Subject: Fwd: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Dr. Dugas,

Attached is the most recent request from Edward Hammond. Per our conversation, would you please forward the request to those individuals you believe may have records responsive to the request?

Thank you.

Bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Unruh, Natalie C"](#)
Cc: ["Daniel Packer"](#); ["Patricia Klein"](#); ["Karen Prihoda"](#)
Subject: RE: seeds from [REDACTED] population?
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009 10:13:00 AM

Natalie:

I've had a chance to inventory the selections from the population. We'll get them threshed and weighed early this next week. We should pull you seed and get that to you in the middle of the week.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Unruh, Natalie C [<mailto:n-unruh@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 9:26 AM
To: Karen Prihoda
Cc: Bill Rooney; Daniel Packer; Patricia Klein
Subject: seeds from BTx623ms3 x R07007 population?

Trish indicated that the seeds for the [REDACTED] population should ready by this week. These are the approximately 50 lines that need to be screened prior to planting in Puerto Rico I will come out to get them if they are ready. Thanks Natalie

Natalie C. Unruh
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Unruh, Natalie C"; "Patricia Klein"](#)
Subject: populations
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009 10:16:00 AM

Natalie, I forgot to tell you that there are less than 50 plants to genotype.

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[McCutchen, Bill](#)"; "[McConnell, Bill](#)"
Cc: "[Dugas, William](#)"; "[Schuerman, Peter L.](#)"; "[David Baltensperger](#)"
Subject: RE: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009 8:02:00 PM

Bill and Bill:

Thanks for the input, it has helped in the thought process.

As for the request for passport information on ES5140, ES5150, ES5200 and ES5201, since these are Ceres designations, I don't see anyway we can provide any information because:

1. Those are Cere's codes and we do not have the specific information on what parents compose these hybrids.
2. Even if I had that information, I do not think it is right to disseminate information belonging to Ceres to a third party.

I'll let you write that in a nice way....or tell me that it needs to be done in another way.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [<mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2009 8:11 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: jmoore@ag.tamu.edu; McConnell, Bill; Dugas, William; Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: Fw: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

No speculation at all please! Just info that we have is what we report and what is required. I have been through the ringer in industry settings, and the Golden Rule is no speculation.

In the interim, we need to let Ceres know of this request. I have a call set with Walter Nelson and lunch meeting with Richard Hamilton this week whereby I can broach this subject.

We are good as long as we respond accurately and if something needs to be treated as CBI and justified that is also our call with OGC's concurrence.

Thanks,

Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Dugas, William
To: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Sat Sep 12 11:11:12 2009
Subject: FW: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Bill,

We probably need to discuss this over the phone this week.

Bill

Wm. A. Dugas

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [<mailto:wlr@tamu.edu>]

Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2009 9:08 AM

To: Dugas, William; 'Jaroy Moore'; Baltensperger, David; 'Bill McConnell'

Cc: 'Juerg Blumenthal'; 'Gary C Peterson'; 'Carol Rhodes'

Subject: RE: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Drs. Moore, Dugas and Baltensperger:

I have two sets of comments with regard to the request of Mr. Hammond:

I know that the sorghum hybrids ES5140, ES5150 are NOT derived from our germplasm. They are wholly generated by Ceres (ie, they had them before they got any germplasm from us). I do not know the pedigree. And thus cannot provide any passport information.

ES5200 and ES5201 are Ceres designations - we did not assign those designations. I expect/assume that they are using lines that were generated and/or provided from our program, but again, I don't have the precise pedigree of these materials. Since they don't provide complete pedigrees for all of the material that they send back to me for testing, I can only speculate on the pedigree of the hybrids of those designations. Should I speculate?

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dugas, William [<mailto:w-dugas@tamu.edu>]

Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2009 5:18 AM

To: Jaroy Moore; Baltensperger, David

Cc: Bill McConnell

Subject: FW: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Jaroy and David,

Attached is another request for information by Mr. Hammond. He is seeking passport information for each exotic germplasm accession that contributed to the sorghum cultivar ES 5200, ES 5201, ES 5140, and ES 5150.

Based upon the recent, similar request, you may have faculty (e.g. Gary P. and Bill R.) that can provide this information to Bill.

Please review, visit w/ your faculty and contact Bill McConnell.

It would be good if Bill knew by Wed. when this information could be available.

Thanks.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill McConnell [<mailto:w-mcconnell@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:42 PM
To: Dugas, William
Cc: Loree Lewis
Subject: Fwd: Texas Public Information Act Request - AR-2009-008

Dr. Dugas,

Attached is the most recent request from Edward Hammond. Per our conversation, would you please forward the request to those individuals you believe may have records responsive to the request?

Thank you.

Bill

Bill McConnell
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Brittany Borden"](#)
Subject: RE: Friday's Schedule
Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 5:03:00 PM

Brittany:

I'll plan on joining you at the gravel road the back of Field 102 when the bus gets there. We'll start there and then go down to Field 218.

I'm really not sure how long this will take - I've never done a field tour with retirees on a bus. I can give my presentations in about 15 minutes, the variable is the folks and how many questions they ask.

I'll not join you for lunch - other meetings to tend to. And I probably won't join you at MixAlco, but if I do, I'll drive myself.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brittany Borden [mailto:b-borden@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 2:55 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Friday's Schedule

Dr. Rooney,

Where would you like us to meet you for our tour this Friday—the Lab, Field, or Machinery area? We should be out at the farm by 10:15. Can you also confirm how long the tour will last? I've allotted 45 minutes for you specifically but wanted to get your opinion on how long you would like to speak.

The fields that have been approved by the charter bus manager are 102 (along the gravel road) and 218 (along the hard road).

Let me know when you can. I'd like to send an updated itinerary by Wednesday to all organizers so that everyone is on the same page. Thanks, and have a great day.

Brittany Borden '06
Gift Planning Assistant

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Slovacek, Jackie"](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:42:00 PM

Jackie:

I am available on

Monday all day (as of now, may have to travel)
Tuesday pm
Wednesday midday (11-3)

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Slovacek, Jackie [mailto:j-slovacek@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 10:12 AM
To: McCutchen, Bill; Schuerman, Peter L.; lrooney@tamu.edu; wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: RE:
Importance: High

In looking at all schedules, I cant find a time for us to meet this week.

Please give you me availability for the week of September 21-25th.

Thanks
Jackie

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From: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 11:07 PM
To: Schuerman, Peter L.; 'lrooney@tamu.edu'; 'wlr@tamu.edu'; Slovacek, Jackie
Subject: Re:

I think we need to have a call and discuss. Early next week.

Jackie, cam you arrange?

From: Schuerman, Peter L.
To: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Fri Sep 11 18:07:57 2009
Subject: FW:

Bill, your thoughts?

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 5:04 PM
To: Schuerman, Peter L.
Cc: 'Lloyd Rooney'; McCutchen, Bill; Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: RE:

Peter

I've talked with all the principles in this discussion and I'm sure that you've heard it from all directions

As I told Bill M., something has to give in these discussions or we should simply quit. The problem with simply quitting is that if anybody is going to be successful in this endeavor, it will be Bob Harris and his group. I have specifically kept in contact with him to monitor his progress and there is no bluff here - they will be rolling product into Kroger stores in selected markets later this month.

So, I do believe that this is the most legitimate opportunity that will be available to us; I think that we should look at alternative approaches so that we are a part of that opportunity.

With regard to the terms you have listed below, I have no problem with them. One thing that I would consider is that SP is scaling up at this time; I don't know what their annual sales will be in year 1 or year 2, so there may be a timeline needed for scaleup to the levels that you are proposing. For example, we would expect minimum royalties of x in year 1, x+y in year 2 to a minimum of 200K in year x. If it drop below for two consecutive years then we have the right to terminate or SP can pay the difference.

I think it is worth sending to Harris. It represents a change in our traditional approach; one that he will at least like because that is the approach that he likes.

regards,
bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schuerman, Peter L. [mailto:PSchuerman@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 6:58 PM

To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject:

Bill, I spoke with Dr. McCutchen about NIC/Bob Harris and their continuing interest.

I'm going to go back to basics here. I propose we ask for [REDACTED] of all sorghum-product sales, plus [REDACTED] as a one-time fee, in exchange for granting rights in existing black and yellow sorghums, plus future black and yellow sorghums that are bred by AgriLife.

To make this work, I would further propose that if the royalty revenue from NIC is less than [REDACTED] per year for two consecutive years, we'd be able to terminate the agreement. Note that, as per the revenue split of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] this would mean no less than [REDACTED] to AgriLife and [REDACTED] to the breeders. If they wanted to keep the agreement going, they could pay the difference, so we'd end up at [REDACTED]

We would have them report on the volume of each type of sorghum produced, and distribute royalties on a *pro rata* basis.

Please let me know what you think.

-Peter

Peter Schuerman, Ph.D.

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Office of Technology Commercialization 979.845.0907

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "jlhilley@neo.tamu.edu"
Subject: RE: first committee meeting
Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:42:00 PM

Monday the 21st is good, right now, but I was asked to hold it for a possible travel. Tuesday afternoon, 22nd is good and Wednesday morning the 23rd (except 10-11) will work.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: jlhilley@neo.tamu.edu [<mailto:jlhilley@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 10:46 AM
To: wlr
Subject: first committee meeting

Dr. Rooney,

I am working on setting up my first committee meeting. I have narrowed the dates down to Sept. 21-23 (next Monday through Wednesday). So let me know if there are times that you cannot meet on those days.

On another note, I am working on tracking down a couple of lines and not having much success. Is there a good time in the next few weeks to get together and try to locate them?

Thanks,
Josie

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Collins, Stephen D](#)"; "[dustin borden](#)"; "[Nilesh Dighe](#)"; "[Matthew Bartek](#)"; "[George L Hodnett](#)"
Subject: FW: HUB Vendors
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:25:00 AM

In case you didn't get this....

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pam Wilhelm [<mailto:PWilhelm@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 2:48 PM
To: David Baltensperger; Carol Rhodes
Subject: HUB Vendors

Good Afternoon everyone,

I need to talk to you about one of our "favorite" subjects - HUB vendors! It is imperative that we get our \$'s spent with HUB vendors up from the present level.

One of the major items that would help is for you to let the ladies in the main office know when you look for a HUB vendor and either don't find one for the product/s you are purchasing or you find one but don't use them because their cost is more than another vendor. When this happens, please say so when you request your P.O. If the purchase is on a credit card, then you need to write a note saying what you've done. It's called a "Good faith effort" and counts as though you purchased from a HUB vendor. You will need to include the vendor/s name, phone number and/or address.

Thanks for all your help and let us know if you need assistance locating a vendor.

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Penn, Nancye B"](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 12:46:00 PM

Nancye:

I should have checked my calendar before committing. I do have a 2 pm meeting tomorrow afternoon that I have to be at.

If they can come a 1:00 pm I expect we can get everything done by 2. Is that feasible? It can be earlier than 1 if need be as well.

Sorry about that.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Penn, Nancye B [mailto:npenn@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:05 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Meeting Request

Dr. Rooney:

Bill McConnell has asked that I schedule a meeting with you tomorrow regarding the Open Records request recently received. Everyone is available tomorrow, Wed. September 16 at 1:30 p.m. They would like to meet in your field lab. Please let me know if this time and place will work for you. The participants are as follows:

Bill McConnell
Brooks Moore, Office of the General Counsel
Diane Callcott
Diane Gilliland
Bill Rooney

Thanks,
Nancye

Nancye B. Penn
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "Shekhar Joshi"
Subject: RE: [Fwd: Re: Bioenergy Crops: Chapter Invitation]
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:18:00 PM

Working on it.

I'll have something to you by Friday evening.

It may not be perfect but it'll be by time and I'll fix it later.

Sorry about this, this was my concern in agreeing to do this.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shekhar Joshi [<mailto:cpjoshi@mtu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:51 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Bioenergy Crops: Chapter Invitation]

Dear Bill,

Good morning!

Could you please send your chapter in? It is OK if it is just a first draft.

Today is the final deadline for us to get all chapters in and start working on it. The publisher has so far sent three reminders to us and most of the other chapters are in. I know you are busy but please help. Thanks.

With Best Wishes,

Shekhar

Bill Rooney wrote:

> Joshi:
>
> I apologize for the delay, but this was the cause of my initial
> reluctance to write. If I didn't finish before summer, then it would
> be difficult to finish before fall, due to field work and teaching obligations.
>
> I have a draft, but I need time to revise and finish. I hope to have
> something ready within a month. If this does not meet deadline, then
> let me know - I'll see what I can do.
>
> Regards,

> Bill
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Shekhar Joshi [<mailto:cpjoshi@mtu.edu>]
> Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 4:48 PM
> To: Bill Rooney
> Subject: [Fwd: Re: Bioenergy Crops: Chapter Invitation]
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> Dear Dr. Rooney,
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> Could you please respond to my email of July 24th please? Thanks,
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> Shekhar Joshi
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> Subject: Re: Bioenergy Crops: Chapter Invitation
> Date: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 11:29:54 -0400
> From: Shekhar Joshi <cpjoshi@mtu.edu>
> To: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
> References: <AFF5DC46A3D140FDAF655181D7EA98DD@WLRooney>
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> Dear Dr. Rooney,
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> We are eagerly looking forward to receiving your submission on
> "Sorghum"
> for our book on bioenergy crops. The final extended deadline of June
> 30th has also passed and we have started editing and reviewing the
> chapters that have been submitted to us so far. We have a very short
> turn around time from Publisher on this project. I would greatly
> appreciate if you could email your chapter to me so that we can keep up
> with the publication schedule of this 1000 page book. With best wishes,
>
> Shekhar Joshi
>
> Bill Rooney wrote:
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>> Joshi:
>>
>> I know that I am slow, but I've gotten to the point where I can
>> committ to writing the chapter, IF you still would like me to do so.
>> If I do the chapter, I do want to include information regarding not
>> only sweet sorghum but also biomass sorghum as well.
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>> Please advise if you still are looking for an author; if so, I can
>> do it. If not, I completely understand.
>>
>> regards,
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>> bill

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>> -----Original Message-----
>> *From:* Shekhar Joshi [<mailto:cpjoshi@mtu.edu>]
>> *Sent:* Friday, July 18, 2008 9:51 AM
>> *To:* wlr@tamu.edu
>> *Subject:* Bioenergy Crops: Chapter Invitation

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>> Dear Dr. Rooney,
>>
>> Greetings from Michigan Tech!

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>> Along with Professor Chittaranjan Kole of Clemson University and
>> Professor David R. Shonnard of Michigan Tech, I am editing a
>> three-volume book series entitled "Bioenergy Crops". The life
>> Science editors of Springer Verlag are excited about this series
>> and its publication will be formalized immediately after we obtain
>> kind consent from the corresponding authors of the chapters we
>> have formulated. We are attaching a tentative list of chapters,
>> names of the corresponding authors and approximate number of
>> pages.

>>
>> We would like to invite you to contribute a chapter on *Sweet
>> Sorghum* for the Volume 2 on *Commercialized Bioenergy Crops*.
>> As the lead author, please feel free to constitute the team of
>> co-authors of your choice and formulate an outline of the chapter.
>> We hope to receive the first draft of your chapter by January 31,
>> 2009.

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>> Springer-Verlag has informally offered one complimentary copy of
>> the concerned volume to each of the corresponding authors. All
>> authors contributing to this series could also purchase any
>> products of Springer-Verlag at 33 1/3% discount for life time.

>>
>> We will send the file from Springer-Verlag for the instructions on
>> manuscript preparation immediately after receiving your kind
>> consent.

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>> Kindly feel free to contact us for any other information and
>> clarification.

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>> Looking forward to your kind acceptance of our invitation,

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>> With best regards,

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Shekhar Joshi, David R. Shonnard and Chitta Kole

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Audie Sciumbato"](#)
Subject: RE: Agreement
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:25:00 PM

Audie:

I think the agreement works for me

If charged on an hourly basis, that would be 13 hours for the day, leaving at 7:00 am and returning at 8:00 pm.

Is that interpretation acceptable?

Once clarified, I'll sign, return and include an invoice for hours and travel.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Audie Sciumbato [mailto:Audie.Sciumbato@uwlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:16 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Agreement

Hi, Dr. Rooney-

I hope that you made it back to B/CS alright last night. Attached is a copy of a basic expert witness agreement. If it looks okay to you, please sign it and mail it back to us.

We know that there is still some question regarding the 'higher ups' disallowing your work as an expert witness in this matter, and we are ready and willing to modify (or dissolve) this agreement if necessary. However, for now, having some form of written agreement in place really helps us out.

As always, please e-mail or call if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, I hope to hear from you soon. Thanks again for all of your time and help.

Sincerely,
Audie

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