Naming Opportunity

Missouri Agroforestry Research Site

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Pursuant to CRR 110.080, naming of buildings and exterior areas requires Board approval.  University of Missouri-Columbia requests approval to name the Laurie, Missouri Agroforestry Research Site the “Land of the Osages Research Center.”

The naming is in recognition of the wishes of Mr. Douglas Allen who has demonstrated his generosity within the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) with his philanthropic support of the H. Gene Garrett Chair of Agroforestry position totaling more than $2 million. His passion for agroforestry is now demonstrated by his donation of a 521 acre plot of land located in Laurie, Missouri to the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry and an additional endowment of $5 million to support the research and educational activities on this land.

Current Agroforestry research efforts at this site include prairie restoration for quail habitat, the cultivation and growth of high value nut trees (pecan, black walnut and Chinese chestnuts), and forest farming that includes high value medicinal plants and mushrooms. Future plans for this site will include additional demonstration trials on all agroforestry practices, educational kiosks to introduce the Osage Nation history and include information on the tribe’s traditional land use systems and their alignment with modern agroforestry practices, as well as the hiring of interns, graduate students and additional staff to manage the property.

Mr. Allen wanted the name of this site to reflect its possession by the Osage Nation before being relocated to Oklahoma in the 1800s. This has given CAFNR the opportunity to connect with tribal leadership within Osage Nation as they worked to seek approval from the Tribal Cultural Advisory Committee of the Osage Nation.

University of Missouri System President Mun Choi, University of Missouri-Columbia Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, University of Missouri Provost, Latha Ramchand, and University of Missouri-Columbia Vice Chancellor of University Advancement, Tom Hiles, are all in support of this naming.

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Recommended Action - Naming Opportunity, Missouri Agroforestry Research Site, MU

It was recommended by Chancellor Cartwright, endorsed by President Choi, recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Curator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that the following action be approved:

that Missouri Agroforestry Research Site in Laurie, Missouri be named the Land of the Osages Research Center in recognition of the gifts from Mr. Douglas Allen.

Roll call vote of the Committee: YES NO

Curator Brncic

Curator Chatman

Curator Layman

Curator Steelman

The motion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Roll call vote of Board of Curators: YES NO

Curator Brncic

Curator Chatman

Curator Farmer

Curator Graham

Curator Layman

Curator Phillips

Curator Snowden

Curator Steelman

Curator Sundvold

The motion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.