

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUREProduction Meeting Unit

The meeting of the Agriculture Production Unit was held on the 8th May, 1986 1.30 p. m.

Present: Chairperson Percy Makgato
Secretary Maggie
Farm Manager

Members: Danny Boy, Mahmood, Tsholo, Joe, Rashid, Sandile, Dick, Mandla, Caiphus, Setlhare, Dick, Washington, Pule, Danger, Isaac, Joyce, Doris, Charles.

Agenda: 1. Reading of the minutes
2. Arising from the minutes
3. Introduction of the new structure decided by Farm Committee.
4. General

Cde Percy opened the meeting and said that the manager was going to introduce the new structure after the reports. Cde Maggie was then asked to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Arising from the minutes

Cde Maggie wanted to know if Cde Sandile had come back to work because the production had not been told since the last time Cde Tsholo had gone to talk to him and he had refused come back to the production. Cde Percy then said that it was for Cde Hans and Cde Caiphus to explaint to the house.

Cde Sandile said that ~~had~~ come to attend the meeting because of the new structure that was going to be introduced. He said he was even surprise that the minutes of the last meeting were being read. Cde Percy said that Cde Sandile was undermining the production. He went on to say that the members were still expecting an explanation from him about his resignation from work without even informing the production. Cde Sandile instead of explaining stood up and requested to ^{be} excused from the meeting until such time that the new structure was being introduced then he would return. However the meeting continued without Cde Sandile.

Reports

Piggery It was reported that 4 pigs had died because of a desease called mange. Pigs still suffering from the same desease were still being treated. Fencing of the

^{House}
~~furrow~~ had been approved.

~~Furrowing~~
Slaughtering 20 goats were slaughtered which made 253 kgm.

11 pigs 650 kgms.

On 2nd May 15 pigs were slaughtered 890 kgms but the supplies had asked for a thousand kgms. Slaughtering was going to be done the next day. Cde Hans suggested that only sows should be slaughtered.

Cattle Kraal

On the 23rd of May 2 dairy cows gave birth. The cow which had ^{mastitis} mastitides was doing well. On Monday ^{of the same week} supply of feeds for the cows had been sent but the maize was too hard for the cows to chew. But after that fresh one was given which was soft. 12 hyfers which came from Arusha were rather miserable and very thin. Cde Hans said it was because of their breed that they had been bought. He said they should be well fed so that they should be able to gain weight. He said still more ^{would} ~~will~~ be coming.

Goats

One Goat had been affected by masitides. The wound was healing. Two goats died the blood had been taken for test.

Poultry 4 chicks died of diarrhoea and pans had been cleaned and sprayed. The chickens which had vol pox had been taken back to the pans. Chicks were still healthy so far.

Transport Cde Tsholo suggested that comrades should avoid moving up and down with the white car because as a result a lot ^{of} diesel ^{was} ~~is~~ being wasted.

Horticulture

Cde Pule reported that at that time he was still working at the hospital. He said he was still planting trees and flowers. Cde Ebbe was reported sick.

Field Section

Sunflower already been planted in NO 13. On the same field a portion of land had been used to plant soya beans but no germination so far. Field no 4 beans had already been planted and germination was perfect because the seeds were planted after heavy rainy seanson. Field No 1 and 9 also germination ^{was} ~~is~~ good Field No 11 grass seeds were planted but no hope of good results. Fresh maize was supplied all in all 25 bags were delivered to the supplies department for both community and SOMAFECO. 12 bags were harvested for Dakawa.

Dakawa Germination ~~was~~ not bad but still there was a problem of grass and if no action would be taken production ^{would} ~~will~~ be poor. Cde Hans said arrangements ^{would} ~~will~~ be done for welding.

Cde Tsholo said that he had received some information that there had been some stealing in the fields he wanted therefore to know what measures had been taken to avoid theft. Cde Charles said they had been told that some Tanzanians had been stealing maize in field No 10. They decided to ^{go} there and they discovered that they had stolen from a small portion of the field. They had decided to send workers to go and inspect the field right inside and they did not find anybody. Therefore they had started supplying maize to the community from the same field.

Manpower

It was reported that six people were required for reinforcement of manpower at the piggery because the work had increased. Cde Hans said some workers could be transferred to the piggery. Cde Mandla said he needed some tougher workers who were young and tough not old people who would find it difficult to lift the bags. At the Cattle kraal too some more workers were required for the section.

Cropstore:

It was reported that the grass seeds were finished. It was further reported that 15 bags of beans were in the cropstore. Cde Mandla said that the rats had invaded the cropstore. The sunflower seeds had been taken to the silos.

80 bags of mealie-meal were made ready for supply, and the supply people had been informed. One silo was still full of maize.

Machinery It was reported that both old and new spare parts were being recorded with their numbers. It was said that most of the names of spare parts were difficult to record unless one was acquainted with the spare parts. Whenever Kombo was not there Cde Rashid said he found it difficult to continue recording spare parts.

It was further recorded that the compressor and battery charger had been used. Finally it was emphasised that cdes working outside the machinery field including Tanzanians were requested not to enter the spare parts store because if anything would disappear then it would ^{be} Saidi and Cde Rashid who would be blamed.

Office

It was reported that the book recording finance had been taken to the Treasury for check - up. Cde Doris said that Shs. 30,000/- had been given to Cde Caiphus for the medication of animals to be bought in Dar-es-Salaam. She went on to say that Cde Hans and Cde Sandile had gone to Dar but had failed to get all the medicine and came back with change which was used as part of the petty cash. She said Fish meal had ^{been} bought out of that which worth about Shs ~~9430/-~~ • Shs. 9430/- 8 bags, 25 kgs. per bag.

Introduction of the new structure

Cde Hans said that in the last Farm Committee meeting it had been said that

a new structure was suggested because of the differences that had been noticed in between the comrades from long time. He further said that the production unit meetings had also been found to be taking too long because of arguments arising out of old issues of no relevant importance to the production unit meetings.

He said as a result the members of the Farm Committee found it necessary to change the structure. Cde Hans then explained about the new structure and also naming the new^{head} of the sections as shown in the next page. Cde Charles said the structure had been made by Cde Hans not members of the Farm Committee. He said he was not against the new structure but he would like to know his duties because his name had not been mentioned as to what he would do under the new structure. He said that he was not going to take instructions from Cde Joe.

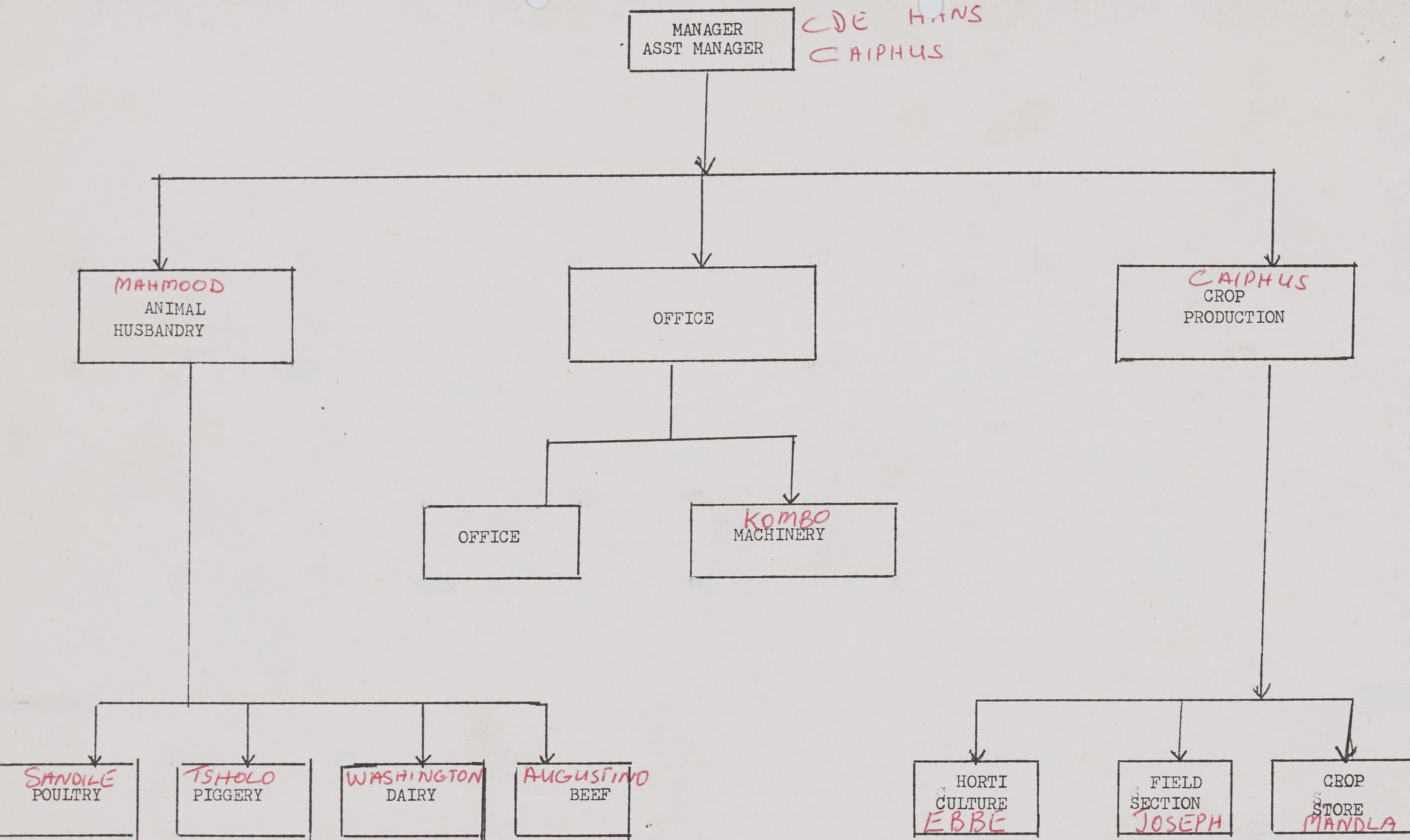
Cde Hans answering said the department still needed Cde Charles a lot. He went on to say that Cde Charles was a very hard worker with a long experience in the farm. He said but because everything had to be recorded down and apart from that Cde Joe had trained in Crop production it was necessary to have him there. He said Cde Joe could also learn from Charles and Cde Charles could learn from him and also the whole department. Cde Charles was then asked to hand over the keys of the car to the Production unit. Cde Charles refused to hand over the keys saying that he would prefer the department to write a letter to the Chief Administrator so that a reply could come from them to order him to hand over the keys.

The letter was then drafted and was to be sent the following day to await the reply.

General

Cde Maggie said that she wanted an explanation from Cde Caiphus as to why in his interview for May 1st, decided that way that members of the ANC always reported late to work which was not true because she said Cde Caiphus knew very well that comrades depended on transport unlike the other departments. Cde Percy asked Cde Caiphus to apologise. Apologising Cde Caiphus said it was a slip of the tongue, he had not meant to put the way it sounded.

The meeting ended.



9th May 1986

The Chief Administrator,
MAZIMBU

Dear Sir

FARM PRODUCTION UNIT

During the production unit meeting yesterday where the new structure decided by the Farm Committee was introduced, a decision was reached:-

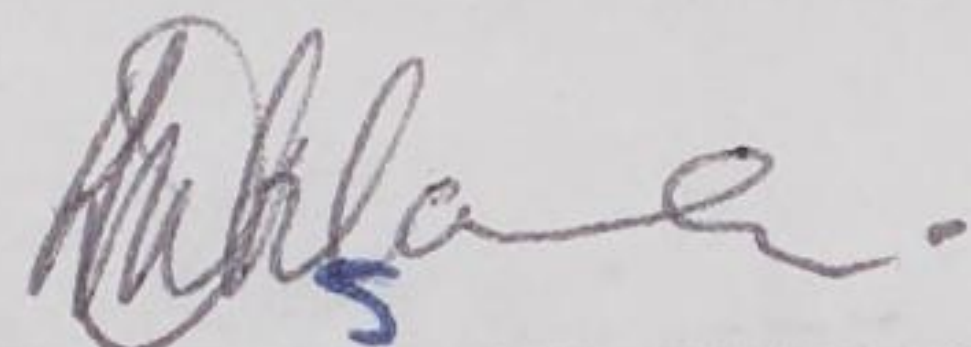
As you know the main duty for the blue car is to serve the ^{field section} ~~blue~~ section, and as we now have a new head of this section, it was decided that the car should be given to him.

Cde Charles has accepted the change but demands an official approval from your office because he is under the impression that the car has been given to him as his personal property.

We are now calling upon you to reach a speedy decision so that the work of the ANC Farm can continue, in an organised and orderly manner.

In the Year of M.K.

For



MEMBER OF THE FARM PRODUCTION UNIT