

ND FFA Association Board of Directors – Minutes

January 24, 2022 – 4:00 pm CST
Special Board Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams

Members/Directors:

Nikki Fideldy-Doll, State Advisor	Molly Zahradka, Dist. 4	Garrett Kuhn, FFA President
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Secretary	Breanna Pastir, Dist. 5	Stetson Urlacher, FFA Secretary
Beth Allen, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Avery Roth, FFA Vice President
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	Elizabeth Lee, FFA Treasurer
Lance Van Berkom, Dist. 2	David Leier, Dist. 8	Hunter Gallagher, FFA Reporter
Kasey Okke, Dist. 3		Victoria Moreno, FFA Sentinel

Officers:

President	Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Vice President	David Leier
Secretary	Craig Kleven
Treasurer	Kasey Okke

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Missy Hansen, Kasey Okke, Elizabeth Lee, Avery Roth, Craig Kleven
CDE	David Leier, Lance Van Berkom, Breanna Pastir, Bill Zingg, Craig Kleven, Garrett Kuhn, Hunter Gallagher
Finance	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Elizabeth Lee, Beth Allen, Kasey Okke
Events/Activities	Molly Zahradka, Ben Curdy, Stetson Urlacher, Victoria Moreno, Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Policy	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Craig Kleven, Garrett Kuhn, David Leier, Kasey Okke

Absent: Zingg left at 4:25 pm to drive bus for basketball. Allen joined at 4:29 pm because of an appointment.

The meeting was called to order by Fideldy-Doll at 4:00 pm. Roll call was called by Fideldy-Doll & Kleven.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Pastir moved; Kuhn second the motion to approve the minutes from the 11.19.2021 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: None

State Officer Report – Kuhn: None

Standing Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- a. ND FFA Calendar Options A-F; ND FFA Calendar Survey; Proposed Option to change District Leadership, LDE Day, & Winter Leadership: For order and time management, each district, one state officer report, FFA Foundation, and State Ag Ed Office shared their report verbally with three minutes per report. A written report submitted to Kleven was a best practice and

encouraged. Directors were reminded that questions/clarifications were to be asked after all reports have been presented.

- i. District Reports from each district representative in numerical order.
 1. District 1: Calendar B & C, Questioned the availability of state officers if District Leadership was conducted by district's individual schedules. Support to change the leadership conferences.
 2. District 2: Supported moving Districts away from the busyness of the beginning of the year and questioned if we gain anything in December and January at the end of the semester. Order of preference. Option F, A, E. Why the changes and was something wrong with the current calendar?
 3. District 3: Not a lot of feedback, Order of preference: Option, F, A.
 4. District 4: Not a lot of responses initially from the list of options. More from the proposed leadership conference and district leadership conferences. Do not shorten state convention. In support of a change in the calendar.
 5. District 5: Met during Winter Leadership Conferences. District in favor of a Fall Leadership, and District Leadership in December. Majority in favor, only a couple voted to keep the same calendar.
 6. District 6: Met by Zoom on 1.20.2022. Focused on Fall Leadership and District Leadership. Questioned why at first but started to really like District Leadership in December. District 6 would support a change to the first week of December and LDE the next week. Winter Leadership to the Fall with a September 5 registration deadline maybe tough the first year, but then would be fine after the adjustment.
 7. District 7: Zingg emailed comments on Sunday, 1.23.2022 because he was requested to drive bus. They are in the corner of B. There was lots of positive comments on the earlier leadership conference and would ultimately allow the FFA to be stronger, earlier. The flexibility of being able to change and decide our own District Leadership was met with positive comments as well. Winter Leadership to the Fall. About half responded.
 8. District 8: Leier emailed 1.13.2022: Leadership Conferences – September; Due to the size these have grown to, could these be split? Suggestions were by age groups or east/west. Change to a Friday/Saturday? At least remove it from Sunday. District Leadership Events – Move to December and LDE immediately following the next week. November, December, or January State LDE Day. Winter CDEs were discussed and did not have a strong opinion either way on whether this should be changed. Not opposed moving them to State Convention. But wondered if they did, would that require State Convention to increase back to 5 days? If these went to convention, would local events offer more than Ag. Sales, Agronomy, and Livestock? Would some add state convention contests? Would moving these to state convention help eliminate some stress during January, February, and March that would allow our state to increase the numbers and competitiveness of Proficiencies, State Degrees, and American Degrees? Met the Monday after Winter Leadership over Zoom. Option C might be the closest to their preferences.

- ii. Report from ND FFA Officers.
 1. Full support behind calendar option C. Moving to a fall leadership conference and keep District Leadership and LDE Day close to each other. January off for events/contests and time to update record books. Keep the winter CDE season in place. Horse Judging, indifferent to when that occurs. Drawbacks would be harder to plan and manage leadership conference with lack of experience for facilitating. District Leadership and LDE day in December would cause conflicts for finals and end of semester time for state officers in college and potentially high school students. Ranking of Options: C, F, A
- iii. Report from ND FFA Foundation.
 1. Allen has no preference of schedules. Blue Jackets Bright Futures would be a change but will need to work with the donors to adjust the mindset/time of year.
- iv. Report from State Ag Ed Office. Fidely-Doll shared the need to reevaluate the FFA calendar since it has been so long since it was reviewed.

Proposed Date Change for Leadership Conference *New Date: September 17th – 18th with registration due September 5th*

Event Center is not available September 24th – 25th and October 1st and 2nd

Benefit of this change:

- We can move all the conferences under one roof
- Rent three halls, and all prairie rose rooms for conferences
- All registration will be held in the event center
- Chapters could choose what hotel they want to stay at as the conference would not be associated with any
- Potential “teachers’ lounge” room: Space for teacher workshops, teachers to hang out and swap ideas/work on curriculum.
- All students under one roof allows guest facilitators to address large groups if desired
- No other large event in the event center during this time
- Does not conflict with any Regional or State NDHSAA event or other state CTSO event

Proposed Date Change for District Leadership Conferences & LDE Day *District Leadership New Date: December 5th – 8th*

LDE Day New Date: December 13th with online upload of materials December 12th

Both the Heritage Center and Capitol are available

Benefit of this change:

- Moves event closer to National FFA Convention where the student/chapter would compete
- Both events are close together decreasing the amount of time in between dragging out practice time
- Students/chapters who win at LDE Day would not compete in another District leadership event prior to competing at National Convention like our current set up
- Does not conflict with any Regional or State NDHSAA event or other state CTSO event
- Gives time for chapters to choose contestants for District Leadership events

- a. Discuss reports and ask questions/clarifications from reports.

Directors discussed reports and asked questions/clarifications from reports. Do we have to make a change today? Yes, for LDE day and for major events. In favor of vote to change. Would winter leadership change to Friday/Saturday? Potentially, in the future if the event center is available.

November LDE on Wednesday worked well year one. Travel Tuesday night and participate on Wednesday. Some schools are strict about competitive events on Wednesdays and Sundays. If districts have their LDEs when every they want, how would integrity be held for quizzes, parliamentary procedure, conduct of chapter meetings, extemporaneous public speaking, etc.? Each district would write their own materials for the events.

- b. Adopt a Calendar Option or Combination of Calendar Options.

Leier moved to change the Winter Leadership Conference from January to September 17 & 18, 2022. Pastir second the motion. Discussion was to consider holding it on Friday and Saturday. Roll Call vote was taken. 13 Yes, 2 No. Motion passed.

Leier moved to move the District Leadership dates from the current dates to December 5-8, 2022. Curdy seconded. Discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote Taken. Yes: Eight No: Seven. Motion Passed.

Urlacher move to adopt the January date for LDE day. Urlacher moved to withdraw the motion.

Curdy moved to adopt the proposed LDE Day to December 13, 2022. Moreno second the motion. Discussion stated this was finals week and a state officer will not be able to attend because of final tests. Advisors can support to help perform LDE day. Roll Call vote Yes: 9 No: 6. Motion Passed.

New Business: None

FFA Foundation Report – Allen: None

Next Meeting Date & Location:

March 22, 2022, at 4:00pm CST meeting via Microsoft Teams. Committees were directed to complete work prior to the meeting.

Announcements:

None

Adjourn:

Kuhn moved to adjourn, Moreno second the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.