

## ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes

August 6, 2023 – 2:00 pm CST

Radisson Inn – Van Gogh Remington Room (605 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck)

### Members Present

Nikki Fideldy–Doll, State Advisor	Bill Zingg, District 7
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Secretary	David Leier, District 8
Beth Allen, FFA Foundation	Ty MacDonald, FFA President
Jeremy Carkuff, District 1	Jack Stoppeworth, FFA Secretary
Amanda Huettl, District 2	Ian Dukart, FFA Vice President
JoDee Free, District 3	Anna Hauge, FFA Treasurer
Callahan Lemer, District 4	Annaliese Rauschenberger, FFA Reporter
Jeff Bjugstad, District 5	Ryan Slaubaugh, FFA Sentinel
Missy Hansen, District 6	Ireland Watterud, FFA Parliamentarian

### Others Present

Rebecca Duben, ND FFA Association

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Fideldy–Doll called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Fideldy–Doll conducted roll call. Introductions were made.

#### 3. Secretary's Minutes 06.09.23

It was approved by Allen, seconded by Watterud, to approve the 06.09.23 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report:

Fideldy–Doll reported that as of 6.30.23 the FFA Association's checking account had \$324,098.43; Edwards Jones account had \$243,074.60; and there were a couple chapters that had bills past 90 days. She reminded members that those chapters that had outstanding bills past 90 days would be unable to participate in any FFA events until paid.

Fideldy–Doll reviewed the 2022–2023 and 23 –To Date category reports and the 2023 State Convention budget report. She said that Livewire will be providing a discount for the year of \$14,250 due to technical difficulties. Kleven reviewed the PAS report and the ND State Fair budget report. He said that there were a few additional expenses from State Fair so the presented budget isn't quite final.

It was approved by Free, seconded by Carkuff, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

## 5. State Officer Report

MacDonald thanked the Board for their efforts to support and improve North Dakota FFA. He said that the 2023 State Officers are excited to serve the members of this state. The officers have been very busy since being elected in June with CTE training from Patty Hendrickson, Base Camp training from National FFA facilitators Savanna Stroebel and Kenzie Bastion, Checkpoint 1 training and the ND State Fair. Fidely-Doll, Stoppleworth and MacDonald also travelled to Washington DC to attend the State Officer Summit and receive advocacy training. The group met with Senators Cramer and Hoeven and Representative Armstrong. They all expressed their support for FFA and the agricultural industry. In August, Watterud, Stoppleworth and Dukart helped Kleven and Fidely-Doll at the land judging CDE. This past weekend, the State Officers began preparing for the upcoming FFA Leadership Conference in September. The State Officers also decided on a chapter visit initiative with a goal of visiting 25% of the chapters in the state.

## 6. Standing Committee Reports

### a. Written Applications & SAE

The committee did not meet.

### b. CDE

The committee did not meet.

### c. Finance; ND FFA Membership Dues Proposal

Fidely-Doll asked moved the 20230-24 Annual Budget to new business.

Free presented the updated dues proposal to the Board. This proposal included a third ND FFA dues option for the Board to consider. Fidely-Doll shared that Nationals also recently presented a third model option for states to consider at the State Officer Summit.

Fidely-Doll clarified that the dues collected from the National FFA Organization would be in addition to the North Dakota FFA dues collected. Nationals goal is to have all members be affiliated by 2027-28. Because nationals are going this direction, ND would like to see something in place by 2025-26. Fidely-Doll said that whatever option we choose at the state level does not need to be the same at the national level. By us reviewing our fee structure now, it would help our state make the change gradually instead of overnight.

The Board discussed any feedback they received from the proposal. Kleven suggested including the NDSF FairEntry \$5,000 fee into the flat fee dues proposal calculations. Fidely-Doll said that she created a spreadsheet with affiliated and non-affiliated chapters and their proposed affiliation fees for each option.

Free said that she will update the dues proposal to include a lower breakdown for smaller chapters; add the \$5,000 FairEntry fee to the flat fee which would

make the new flat fee \$563; add examples of chapter dues from affiliated and non-affiliated chapters and clarify national/state expectations for fees.

d. Events/Activities

The committee did not meet.

e. Policy

The committee did not meet.

7. Old Business

a. FFA Camp

FFA camp is scheduled for this weekend. Forty-eight students are registered. Seventeen chapters represented. Fideldy-Doll said to get missing waivers in. The student will be turned away if they do not have it completed. Stoppleworth will be attending. Chapters have been billed. Numbers are staying consistent with previous years.

Lemer is on the FFA Camp Committee. Fideldy-Doll said that Lemer will need to get a report from Ashley Bachmeier prior to each board meeting to share.

b. Other

No additional old business.

c. FFA Board Officer Elections and Committee Assignments

d. 2023-24 Annual Budget

It was moved by Free, seconded by Huettl, to approve the 2023-24 budget as presented.

e. Standing Committee Action Items

There were no committee action items.

f. FFA Board Officer Elections and Committee Assignments: Kleven

The 2023-24 committee assignments are as follows:

- i. Written Application & SAE Committee: Kleven, Zingg, Hansen, Dukart and Stoppleworth
- ii. CDE Committee: Kleven, Lemer, Carkuff, Slaubaugh and Watterud
- iii. Events/Activities Committee: Fideldy-Doll, Bjugstad, Huettl, Hauge and Rauschenberger
- iv. Policy Committee: Fideldy-Doll, Kleven, Leier, Free, and MacDonald

g. Non-Affiliate Chapter Proposal - Bismarck FFA

Fideldy-Doll said that the Bismarck FFA chapter has requested to become a non affiliated chapter due to the increase in membership fees. She said that

this needs to be approved by the Board. She said that nationals will support whatever this board decides.

It was moved by Free, seconded by Allen, to grant the non-affiliate chapter proposal for Bismarck FFA with the intent in letter that is sent to that that they realize they will be affiliated in two years. Free said to give these new instructors a chance to get new members and sponsorship dollars to offset the membership dues. The Board addressed concerns that this would be setting a precedent for other chapters. Motion failed.

Allen said that there are multiple businesses and individuals wanting to support and provide sponsorship dollars to the Bismarck chapter. She said she would visit with them because there is opportunity. Fideldy-Doll said that she would inform the chapter via email.

h. AET Record Keeping Changes

Fideldy-Doll shared AET changes with the Board.

i. Conduct of Chapter

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Bjugstad, to approve conduct of chapter as an official FFA career development event. Motion passed.

j. NDSF Review: Kleven

Kleven gave a report for the 2023 ND State Fair. Overall, he felt the event went well and livestock exhibits ran smoothly. The results have been posted on the ND FFA Association website.

k. Land Judging Review

Fideldy-Doll shared that there were thirteen chapters, 12 teams and 57 individuals participated in the Land Judging event in Dickinson. Dave Franzen was the official contest scorer. Kleven said that he is retiring this year. Need to find someone that will take his place. He said that the Board Events Committee needs to discuss the possibility of moving Land and Range Judging to May/June and holding these events concurrently.

l. Leadership Conference

Fideldy-Doll said that the office and state officers have been busy working on preparing for upcoming Leadership Conference in Bismarck. The 2022-2023 State Officers will be doing Aspire. Chapters need to add members to their roster in FFA.org, have their students complete the student waiver in AET for 2023-24, and register students for the event in Judging Card. With the recent constitutional change, 5 and 6th graders are now able to be added to the chapter roster and participate in FFA events.

All chapters that want to affiliate need to reach out to the state office.

Fideldy-Doll said that t-shirts have been ordered for students and advisors for the conference. The alumni graciously sponsored the t-shirts. A different vendor was used so the alumni dollars went a lot further this year.

T-shirts and wristbands will be required to attend the dance and community service project. There will be no altering of the t-shirts except for students signing the shirts. There will be security guards and metal detectors outside of the dance and community service project that students will need to go through. Allen said that the Foundation will be taking pictures for sponsors.

m. CTE Professional Development Conference

Kleven reminded members to follow the CTE PDC schedule online or download the conference app.

n. Other

No other new business.

8. FFA Foundation Report: Allen

Allen reported that the Foundation Board passed a motion to continue the Agriscience High Ind at \$150 for individual or team. Twenty thousand dollars has been secured for the State Leadership Conference. Appareo Solutions came on as a 2-Star Partner in June. The Soybean Council has increased their new chapter grant sponsorship from \$300 to \$2,530. Hankinson will be a new chapter in 2023-24. Ohnstad Twitchell will sponsor our Parent Sponsor Banquet for the next 3 years at \$4,000/year. MinDak Tractor Restoration is dissolving and will be splitting their proceeds between ND and MN FFA. We will be receiving \$8,000 for our endowment. The Owl Social has been scheduled for August 25 on the Lewis & Clark Riverboat. Invitations have just gone out. Tickets are \$40 and we have sent out invites to 190+ teachers. The 2023 Gala will be on November 18 in Fargo at the Raddison Blu. Tim Gabrielson has been secured for entertainment. There are several board positions open. At least one needs to be a teacher. The first installment for Star Partner of \$11,840 will start coming in next week.

Kleven recommend moving the foundation report after the state officer report. foundation report up by state officer report. Nikki moved report up at next meeting. Suggested write thank you to foundation.

9. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held in Bismarck at the State Capitol in the CTE Conference Room on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor on November 15 at 1 pm CST. Committee work will begin at 10 am. The Board will eat lunch in the capitol cafeteria. Please let Duben know if you will be joining via Microsoft Teams.

10. Announcements

No announcements.

## 11. Adjourn

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Huetll, to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 CST.