

February 13, 2023 | [Rodgers Committee](#)

4:00 pm

Rodgers Ranch Classroom

Attendees:	Justine Felton	Eric Moxon	Jared Caylor
	Charlie Troughton	Todd Henderson	Emily Brown
	David Tinker	Jason Armstrong	Brandon Lengtat
	Tony Rosiles	Tony Turri	Nolan Kee
	Diana Davisson	Bob Safford	Alice Johnston

Minutes taken by: Jessica Marquez

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. Superintendent, Jared Caylor asked that everyone introduced themselves as there are some new faces at the table.
2. Review Minutes- Minutes were reviewed with no changes/additions.
3. Public Comment- There was none.
4. Endowment & Loan Update - Eric Moxen, Stifel

Eric Moxon Reported the following:

Investment Account

Total Value- \$3,209,843

Par Value- \$3,257,000- Bond and CD's

Target Par Value-\$3,300,000

Called Securities \$145,000 in 4% Money Market Waiting to Invest

Bonds have dropped in value, no bond until August. It is not worth the while. Can get 4.5 on 20-year bond and not worth it in the long end of the curve.

Ideas

- Short term rates higher for longer
- Long term rates are pricing in a rate cute
- We think Feds will increase rates on more time
- As rates rise low return bonds will eventually mature at face value

5. Student Involvement Update- Ag Student, Gabriel Palofax (senior student) shared the following:
 - Ag Classes have been planting flowers and fruits
 - Fair students have been out in the barn working with their animals
 - Advanced classes have been tagging animals
 - Upcoming Farm Clean Up will take place and the end of February
 - 8th grade Ag day is coming up
 - March 5th is showmanship

- Chapter Showmanship practice
- Plant Sale April 5th (plants from the Greenhouse)

Board Member, Tony Turri asked how much Ag experience Gabriel had before FFA and he had 0 experience. He moved to the area from Salinas 2 years ago.

6. Loleta Well Info- Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared 2 documents. One is an estimate from North State Electric and Pump and the other is paperwork from Luke Alexander Construction. The question is what is the current status of the well?

Luke Alexander paperwork shows: 200 ft deep at the time
Proposal to pull the pump and replace it

Jared is bringing this as information and wanted feedback. Brandon Lengtat shared that the estimate was approved and it was replaced. Tony Rosiles shared that the new one has a 180 depth and this was replaced last summer. Jared shared that there is not much further to drop on that Loleta well- no further discussion.

7. Scholarship Allocation Models- Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that in the past 5 years, the district has honored the following:
 - Top Scholars
 - High Achievers
 - Pathways

This group expressed the intent to identify 1-2 award scholarships partially based on involvement at Rodgers Ranch. The numbers are much higher for Top Scholars and High Achievers this year. We have top 10 when typically, it is 4-5 High Achievers so #'s are a little higher this year and last year we increased scholarship amounts. This plus adding in 2 additional scholarships would be 170K. The district budgets 150-160 range per year, so we would need to transfer 97K from the General Fund in order to do this. There was the option to reduce students or amounts but the Board frowned upon this and wanted to avoid that.

Another option is to keep same

+ 97K from the General Fund or put amount to 1,500 and 1,000 and this would reduce the general fund amount to 51K. Three options were discussed and shared and Jared reminded the group that the Board has full authority so this discussion is simply input and recommendations to the Board.

Ag Teacher, Nolan Kee asked if the 1-time Ranch was just 1 allocation, Jared clarified that it is just a one-time allocation. Associate Principal, Charlie Troughton asked for clarification as to how this 1-time Ranch scholarship was decided. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared it was a discussion and the decision hasn't been made but the Board was receptive to the idea. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown shared that the group discussed the process and felt like there was a missing piece. There were 2 students last year who served the Ranch over a course of 4 years and the group felt like they deserved recognition. The group felt as this would be an appropriate way to reward these types of students. Associate Principal, Charlie Troughton asked to clarify if the intention was to select 2 that weren't already receiving other pathways. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown shared that it could be a student working at the R Farm house and this wasn't bound by GPA.

Jared and Diana will review the data. It is a hunch that some of the top scholars and high achievers will go unclaimed, but we need to determine the correct amount to transfer over from the General fund. This could also avoid the district having to pull a bunch out later because there was carry over from year to year that wasn't accounted for.

Ag Teacher, Emily Brown would like to give out the most money possible and votes for option #1 if the Board thinks that we could swing it. Ag Teacher, Bob Safford shared that we have pathways now and things are not so restrictive as we once were before. Associate Principal, Charlie Troughton shared the number of kids is higher than it's ever been this year and not as high next year. There was discussion of using a flexible formula. This year is a little different however, the district has settled in a model of disbursement. As of now, Option #1 is the top option. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown asked if the Board would consider a % of students and Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that the Board didn't want the students to suffer. There was discussion that if funds go unclaimed, they just remain in that account and that next year there might only be 2-3 Top Scholars. The Ranch stands alone and is its own entity, and there are no large projects that would be affected either way. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown thanked the group for taking their input into consideration and Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that the Board would make the final decision.

	Option #1	Option #1 Cost	Option #2	Option #2 Cost	Option #3	Option #3 Cost	Option #4	Option #4 Cost
Top Scholar	\$2000x4	\$48,000	\$1000x4	\$24,000	Top 5, \$1500x4	\$30,000	Top 5, \$1250x4	\$25,000
High Achiever	\$1500x4	\$96,000	\$500x4	\$32,000	Next 10, \$1000x4	\$40,000	Next 10, \$750x4	\$30,000
Pathways	\$1000 one time	\$10,000	\$1000 one time	\$10,000	\$1000 one time	\$10,000	\$1000 one time	\$10,000
Other	none	\$0	Ranch \$2000 one time	\$4,000	none	\$0	Ranch \$2000 one time	\$4,000
Total Cost		\$154,000		\$70,000		\$80,000		\$69,000

8. Row Crop Discussion- Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that he has been approached by various people in the past one was organic vegetable farming by Javier Ochoa. He had some contacts that he connected us with and 2 others, which we had only heard back from one. Sutter Long (Corning) reached out to Jared in a text message was shared with the group. They don't lease out ground. They make contracts with growers and the growers are responsible for the ground work, irrigation and having a PCA walk for pest and diseases. They plant, harvest and have crews come out and work in the field. The plant cucumbers, watermelon or squash. Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston shared that this would be a great experience for the Ag Science classes and she knows that Sutter is very good with the students. There was discussion about irrigation, what the students could and couldn't do. The group is all for this if we could make it educational. Board Member, Tony Turri shared the idea of having a few kids to be managers of this crop and they could meet with them. He also shared that things like this take a lot of lead time so we need to start working on a plan now. Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston will reach out to her and see if there is the potential for student involvement. Ranch Manager, Tony Rolises shared that we

could level, water and decide what we want to plant, then we would have more options, event the hay crop. Ag Techer, Bob Safford shared that Alfalfa or something like that. Superintendent, Jared Caylor agrees that as long as this is educational and makes the Ranch look good, then it is well worth the effort.

9. Walnut Orchards- Ranch Manager, Tony Rosiles shared that the walnut trees are pruned, planted and hay is growing in the middle. Most of the last grafts are taking. Superintendent Jared Caylor asked how long do wee need to wait and Tony shared it takes a day so there is no time preparation involved. Tony is just hoping for more rain and it will need to be sprayed in about a week or so.

Ag Teacher, Emily Brown requested that Tony communicates a time for planning and Tony will be sure to give them a weeks' notice.

10. Olives Orchard Update- Ranch Manager, Tony Rosiles shared that he is hoping to plant mid-April and a lot depends on the weather. Getting in stakes now but the ground is pretty hard. There is a total of 6,800 stakes.
11. Greenhouse Update- Principal, Jason Armstrong shared that it is now usable functioning and the FFA students gifted the staff succulents that were grown in the greenhouse, so that was really nice. There is white ground cover (covered with pea gravel soon). The big storm that we had a few weeks ago ripped part of the roof off and it has been repairs now. Now the Ag teachers need to do the controller training. IT department needs an ethernet connection. Tech Director, Dave Messmer says we have materials and can buy conduit and the total cost would be around \$400. This will allow access from a desktop or phone. The Ag Teachers will be able to change settings etc. Board Member, Tony Turri asked what was done with the old one. Principal, Jason Armstrong shared that it was surplusd, sold and torn down.

Ag Teacher, Emily Brown shared that a lady from McCoy's donated seeds and hoping they could donate more to the school farm so that we could start their plants for them. It would be a great work-related project/ work experience opportunity. Ag Teacher, Nolan Kee shared that this was the same lady that was friends with Brad Martin who owned the nursery in town several years ago.

12. Gate Entrance Update- Ag Teacher, Nolan Kee shared that it is ready. He might paint it and if that is what the group decides, he would rather paint it before they put it up. Pictures were shared and everyone was very impressed. There was discussion of keeping it black or painting it. Associate Principal, Justine Felton offered to photo shop some ideas and will send that to Jared. He can keep the group posted. Once this is decided, Nolan will work with maintenance using the forklift, scissor lift and once it is up there, it can be wleded or bolted into place. Welding might be the best option. The placement is definitely not a student project.
13. Cow Update- Ag Teacher, Emily Brown shared that not much has changed since the last meeting with the cow plan or calendar. The department is very excited about the Animal Science class. Mrs. Johnston has 40 kids who are ready. Although, everything won't be perfect right at the beginning the department is very excited.

March Calving

May Brand, Vaccinate, Castrate, Tag Calves

June Bull in

July Bull in

August 2nd week in August take Bull out

The branding in May will be a show type event/ demonstration and a big BBQ. This is after lunch so the Advanced Ag class and Ag Teachers will be super busy that Friday.

Students will be doing the vaccinations May 26th and Associate Principal shared that this is the scheduled day for the Senior Trip. She will confirm and the Ag Department is okay with holding it the week before on the 19th if needed. Both will review calendars and discuss so they can begin planning and preparations. There will not be any horseback riding for students due to the liability. There was discussion that hopefully this would become an annual event. This will be based on a sign-up sheet so not all kids will be participating.

Ag Teacher, Bob Safford shared that 4 cows were sold so now we are down to 11

14- had a bad utter

22 -had bad feet

25 –had bad feet

107- this was a tough one

There was a discussion on what the 5-year plan for was with regard to cows. The group discussed consulting with Ty Byrd. They all agree to reach out to Ty or another industry professional. Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston would like to reach out to him this summer and she will have industry connection built into her curriculum and then could have a better idea of the plan.

Superintendent, Jared Caylor asked if there were any objections from the group to firm some of these things up and all agreed that this was a good idea and had no objections. Board member, Tony Turri thinks that this is a great idea. Superintendent, Jared Caylor will not put this on the next agenda.

14. Ranch Community Event April 26, 2023- Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that the original goal was to have this event when there was a lot of positive movement out at the Ranch, some invitees were Musco Olives, Anderson Pump and others Ag Industry companies/community members. Anytime, people come to the Ranch they realize the potential and are amazed by it. COVID hit and then things were postponed. Some things to think about, when we get private industry/government involved, what do we do with them? What is the vision? Jared shared the Burreson from Musco is an enthusiastic partner as well. Ideas:

1. CTE – desire for students' workforce
2. Show the Ranch
3. Displays

There was discussion if there would be food, photo displays, calendars. The goal is to show the progress that has been made, and expand the perception from AG to CTE potential. Utilize them for workforce preparation and work-based learning. Jared envisions, having Diana sit at a table to assist any that would like to financially contribute. Gather, celebrate, seek new partners and although this is going to be a lot of work, it would be a great event. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown says that Ag is involved in events like this all of the time and we could make it a farmer's market type event. Associate Principal, Justine Felton thinks a Farm to Fork Dinner would be a great idea and we could make it an annual event. Some discussed having kids in their uniforms, setting up tables and displays on various Ag and

Natural Resource topics. Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston can make a huge calendar and have all of the events noted in the calendar. Superintendent, Jared Caylor is going to have a committee and get everyone involved. Ag Teacher, Emily Brown shared that everyone loves a hay ride and all seem very excited to make this is a successful event.

M & O Director, Brandon Lengtat would like to paint before this event and would like to replace the siding. A few leaks need to be repaired and we will have to purchase some siding. Conduit is \$400 and pea gravel \$330- Jared approved.

15. Master Plan- Superintendent Jared Caylor shared the Master Plan since there are a lot of new faces at the table. Some may have seen this before but he would like everyone to take a look at it, read it and understand the intent of the plan. Things could be changed in the future, but this is a baseline.

16. None

17. Next meeting will be 5/1/23 at 4:00

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30

Last Minutes Thoughts:

Emily planted many types of berries so next year that were bill berry pies/cobblers for sale

Ag is working on chickens and egg projects

Vet Hall is being remodeled so Emily brought up the idea of having a tent and holding prom out at the Ranch. There are many factors to consider with parking, darkness, safety from the Admins perspective but they can further discuss and research.