

Aug 23, 2022 | [Rodgers Committee](#)

4:00 pm

Rodgers Ranch Classroom

Attendees:	Bob Safford	Eric Moxon	Alice Johnstron	Jeremiah Tinker (student)
	Bill Mache	Jared Caylor	Nolan Kee	
	David Tinker	Jason Armstrong	Brandon Lengtat	
	Tony Rosiles	Todd Henderson	Emily Paz	
	Dave Messmer	Emily Brown	Diana Davisson	

Minutes taken by: Jessica Marquez

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Endowment & Loan Update - Eric Moxen, Stifel

Eric Moxon Reported the following:

Investment Account

Total Value- \$3,313,503
Par Value- \$3,257,000- Bond and CD's
Target Par Value-\$3,300,000
Called Securities 11/1/22 - \$10,000 CA at- 5%
Cash Flow Projected - \$148,869 – 4.49% yield

Bonds mature as they get closer to par value and this affects the trade amounts. The Money Market Rates are up at 1.98% (hold bonds until they mature). Once they are called, we can reinvest.

3. Rodgers Scholarship Amounts and Allocation Model for 2023 - Superintendent Jared Caylor

Superintendent, Jared Caylor met in the spring and spoke about the scholarships. The Endowment's intent was to be used for the care of the ranch and for scholarships. There is 150K of revenue which is divided into two parts. 75K for maintenance of the ranch and 75K for scholarships for the students of the Corning Union High School District.

Process: The committee reviews the top scholars, high achievers and historical rate of claiming of the scholarships. The district find that 60-75% of what is awarded is actually claimed. Of that percentage 15K is distributed to CTE pathways and the rest to top scholars and achievers.

There was discussion if there was any interest in discussing the current process.

Ag Department Chair, Emily Brown shared that the process seems great and people are open to hear each other at the meetings however, the CTE scholarships went to students they chose and feels that the students that worked at the ranch received less money than the other students who had never even been there. She suggested to find a way to incorporate an involved student who actually services and works at the ranch.

Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared the endowment was not from the ranch and reminded the group that it was given to the district separately from the ranch. The district could possibly set up some criteria to establish some sort of scholarship. CUHS Principal, Jason Armstrong is in favor to reward the students who give back to the ranch. This could be deserving and rewarding to those students who work extra hard there.

Bob Safford would like for the scholarships to be spread out a little more. He often notices some of the same students receiving multiple awards. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared with the group that there are handful of

students who do receive multiple scholarships, however, the ones that the districts decides on are not repeated. The district requires not to repeat. Nolan Kee shared that perhaps a student could get the money all at once rather than have it broken up into semesters. This brought up the discussion for someone who may be going to lineman school that does not have units to show only a certificate after completion. Board Member, Todd Henderson asked if this type of scholarship for the ranch workers needed to come out of the general funds or did it need to come out of the ranch funds,

Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that some scholarships used to come out of ASB however the auditors frowned upon that. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared with the group that he, Jason and Diana will work on this and get some feedback prepared for the next meeting.

4. Rodgers Fund Transaction Review - Superintendent Caylor

Superintendent, Jared Caylor is still working on the transaction review. He will keep working with CBO, Diana Davisson on this. Both of them met with Eric Moxon and will be working on tracking all expenses and general fund expenditures as well.

5. Student Involvement Update - FFA Ranch Committee Student Chair

Department Chair, Emily Brown introduces Jeremiah Tinker who shared the following:

- FFA for 4 years
- Swine for 7 years
- Committee Chair member for Outreach
- Recently hand picked over 200 peaches which were used for a peach cobbler fundraiser
- Enjoys working out at the ranch
- There will be a welcome back BBQ and chapter meeting in September
- Greenhand Leadership Conference GLC – allows freshman to learn about FFA
- Classes enjoy coming to the ranch
- Enjoys the activities and being involved in FFA
- Appreciates the support

6. Walnut Orchard Update - Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles

Ranch Manager, Tony Rosiles shared that the walnuts are growing and there will be no grafting this year.

7. Olive Orchard Update - Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles

Ranch Manger, Tony Rosiles shared the olives should be planted by mid-October. The communication was that once the payment was received, it was a matter of 3-6 weeks. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that the check went out in the mail today.

8. Greenhouse Update - Principal Jason Armstrong

CUHS Principal, Jason Armstrong shared that the new greenhouse is the in the same place as the old one. The electrical is almost finished and hoping to be wrapped up by Friday. The propane is set up for a heater and controller and then soon will be ready for the final inspection. Things ran smoothly with minimal issues. Ag Teacher, Nolan Kee, asked Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown if she was ready for poinsettia's yet and likely this will be next year. Emily plans to stick with succulents and house plants for now. Ag Teacher, Bob Safford shared that in speaking with other, this greenhouse should stay cool all the time. Jason Armstrong shared that the back side will open up and the shade cloth will roll out. All are very enthusiastic about the new greenhouse.

9. Summer Student Employee Projects - Ag Teacher Bob Safford

Bob Afford shared that there are not many changes. Initially there were 6 students who applied but during summer school a few fell off and then some didn't reply. One gal came out and a student by the name of Seth was out too. These two were able to get a little bit of work done and it was a good experience to see what sort of activities that the students could do. Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown shared that transportation was a concern since

some of the students who were interested were younger and unable to drive. There is a reliable senior, Mckynzie Huntley who is looking for work. She drives and could work independently during the week. There was discussion of whether or not this was budgeted and CBO, Diana Davisson shared that it was. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that this would have to be offered to other students as well.

Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston shared the suggestion of creating criteria to weed out some of the students (as needed). Examples: Senior, driver's license, 4-year ag student

The discussion continued of ongoing things that she could help with. One example was Ag Day. She could help prepare and spray the pigs. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that the district is responsibly for this but she could help prepare for the event.

Also, a discussion of supervision was briefly held and Superintendent, Jared Caylor confirmed that the district allows things at the R Farm with classified staff supervising so this should be pretty similar.

10. Cow Plan Update - Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown

Ag Department Chair, Emily Brown shared that this is same plan that was put into place last year. The calendar has been created but needs to be updated. Ag Teacher, Alice Johnston would like to submit a class for approval for next year. This would be an animal science class and they could use the cows for this class. Ag Teacher, Alice asked if there were restrictions with liability. CBO, Diana Davisson will find out the details from the district's insurance company.

Emily would like to get a waiver for branding as well. She shared that they worked with Jeff White last year and asked if he could be hired out for pegging cows. There was a discussion of the cost and the group shared that it would be approximately \$500. Typically, when you have a lot, there is a flat fee. If there are a few, then it is per cow. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that if it is roughly \$500 the district would find the money and allow for this. He requested that this be placed on the calendar with the dates and details.

Nolan Kee shared that this is a great experience that the students will never forget. The experience is great and he is all for it. Ag Department Chair, Emily Brown shared that in May there will be a big branding day. There will be a calf table (heal and hot iron (both ways) and there will be beef for lunch. It should be a fun event and they are looking forward to it.

Genetic Testing

Ag Teacher, Bob Safford shared that the process that they do now has all the #'s and details just by looking at the blood samples. By genetic testing you can tell everything about the animals.

11. Gate Update - Director of Technology Dave Messmer

Dave Messmer share that he recently replaced the entry key pad. This is now upper flexible to add users. The old one was problematic. This system allows everyone to have their own code. The gate can be programmed to close every day at a certain time (if desired) and it is integrated with a camera. This system even allows expiration dates so if a outside worker has a code for a temporary time, it can be set up with an expiration date. There was a discussion about whether students should be given a code or a card. The decision for now is to allow the students to use the last 4 digit of their student ID#. There are approximately 30 students who would need access. These are the students who work at the farm or house their animals at the farm. The system allows to set a time to close the gate so that the students know that for example, the gate closes at 10:00 p.m., they need to wrap things up and be out of there before then. There haven't been many issues so hopefully the 4-digit code will work. Superintendent, Jared Caylor suggested that all buses should have a card which stays in the bus rather than issuing bus drivers an individual card.

Ag Dept. Chair, Emily Brown was wondering if it was okay to use the refrigerators at the R Farm house and Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that he would approve a key request form so she could have access to the refrigerators as needed.

12. Ranch [Calendar](#) - Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown

Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown shared that calendar is a work in progress. Superintendent Jared Caylor would like to see the cow events and timeline added to the calendar. He is also planning on having the community event in April so would like to add this to the calendar as well, once the date is determined. Ag Dept Chair Emily Brown

would like help determinate when pruning and spraying might be so she can add this to the calendar. Even if it is the past dates that we have usually completed these tasks to more less have an idea. Weather is permitting so that is taken in to accountability .Ag Teacher, Nolan Kee suggested adding when the steer arrive and Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that as much information on the calendar, the better. Somewhat like the same concept with the CUHS Activities Calendar.

13. Future Ranch Development

- a. Wetlands/Trail
- b. A-1 (Pasture) 9.1 acres
- c. A-2 (Field) 13.3 acres

Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that A1 and A2 have 9.1 acres of pasture and 13.82-acre field . There was a conversation of how large the herd of cows there would be for utilization of pasture or now. Also, he has had a few people approach him about grow corp. The water is not an issue and would like to have a plan for the next few years. Board Member, Todd Henderson asked if we planted in A-1 and although we did, there wasn't enough rain. There was a conversation about flooding and row crops to do hay. Ranch Manager, Tony Rosiles shared that there is roughly 1,200 ft and there is a riser from the well. So, all we would have to do is tie in the existing well. This is probably \$20,000-\$25,000. Once the field is prepped, the options are hay in the winter and row crops in the spring. Superintendent, Jared Caylor shared that all should thing about those areas and asked Tony to look into getting water, getting it leveled and reach out to the two facilities.

Chico State reached out about the wetlands trail a while back however there is nothing new lately. This was prior to COVID.

14. Other Topics Ag Dept. Chair, Emily Brown shared the idea to have new and existing teachers come out to the farm as a PD Day. This would show them the facility that is available. They could see what a great opportunity this could be to utilize the space. Examples include the math department out there measuring and solving problems and Art sitting out there and drawing as part of their class lesson. Even sports banquets could be held there. There is a beautiful space to use and hopefully other could have the opportunity to see this.

15. Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm. The Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.