

Aug 22, 2023 | [Rodgers Committee](#)

4:00 pm

Rodgers Ranch Classroom

Attendees: Jared Caylor, Jason Armstrong, Bob Safford, Nolan Kee, Dave Tinker, Charlie Troughton
Jason Enos, Sarah Richardson, Alice Johnston, Todd Henderson, Tony Rosiles, Tony Turri
Audri Bakke, Eric Moxon, Emily Brown, Claudia Wright (FFA Secretary)

Minutes taken by: Jessica Marquez

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order at 3:59 p.m.
2. Review Minutes- Approved with no changes
3. Public Comment- There was no public comment
4. Spring Scholarship Report- Superintendent Jared Caylor- There was a large group of top scholars and high achievers last year. The district contributed money from the general fund to help award 114K in scholarships. Some highlights include:
 - Pathway Scholarships
 - Top Scholars
 - High Achievers
 - CTE Scholarships

There were no Ranch Scholarships awarded- due to no candidates meeting the qualifications. Hopefully, this will grow and there will be more student involvement next year.

5. Endowment - Eric Moxen, Stifel

Eric Moxon Reported the following:

Investment Account

Total Value- \$3,0175,063
Par Value- \$3,250,000- Bond and CD's
Target Par Value-\$3,300,000
Called Securities 8/15/23 - \$120,000 Treasury 6.25%
Cash Flow Projected - \$152,712-4.97% yield

Ideas

Short term rates higher for longer
Long term rates are starting to move up
We think Fed could increase rates one more time
As rates rise low return bonds will eventually mature at face value

We have had a good cash flow, low yield environment for such a long time.

6. Student Involvement Discussion-
FFA Secretary, Claudia Wright shared the following:
 - Ag Classes are good with lots of participation
 - All Ag classes are going to the farm
 - There are a lot of opportunities for students involved with Ag classes
 - Students are more involved in the green house

- Animal Science is using cattle
 - 9/6 there is a cross country meet which will be held at the Ranch
 - 9/12 there will be a welcome back BBQ held at the Ranch
 - 9/19 FFA GLC Event
 - 10/19 3rd Grade Ag Day
 - 10/21 Haunted Bark and Pumpkin Patch
7. Walnut Orchard Update- Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles – The last meeting there was discussion about grafting trees and since then we hired a new person. There are about 5 trees that need to be replaced and the process took a little longer than expected but this person took care of it the right way. Now Tony Rosiles is trying to keep it clean. Tony Turri asked about production and Tony Rosiles shared that this should be next year. The trees were grafted 4 times total and they all took this time.
 8. Olive Orchard Update- Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles- The trees are doing well. They have been fertilized and are growing. There are some dead, we have around 300 or 400 extras for replants. Todd Henderson asked how critical it is to keep them tied up. Tony Rosiles shared that there only needs to be 1 tie. We just want them to go straight. Tony Torri asked is having dead trees normal and is this is a normal amount, Tony Rosiles shared yes.
 9. Cow Update- Alice Johnston shared that she contacted Ty Byrd however he recently had a bull sale so he's been super busy. Alice plans to set up a meeting with him, once he has some extra time. The Animal Science Class is up and running. At a glance

Year 1- Student handling, loading and getting ready to go into auction (incorporate with Ty's help). Some Year 1 highlights include:

- Pregging
- Feed testing
- Vaccinations
- Branding

Year 2 would be progressing and years 3 and 4 would consist more of having student employees and the students running things at the Ranch.

Tony Turri asked why they wanted to wait until year 3 to have cattle managers etc. Alice shared that with FFA, it takes time to build a culture of kids who are reliable, responsible etc. – She is cautious to just jump in.

10. Rodgers Ranch Master Plan 2015- Update Necessary- Process? Superintendent, Jared Caylor would like to discuss revisiting the Master Plan which was created in 2015. Most of the people that were involved in the process are no longer part of this group. We have done good work with improving the infrastructure and plan. There is a desire to see students here more regularly and own it more that we do. We need to take a look at the plan, what do we still want to get done in the original plan and what do we want to add to the plan. How will we hold each other accountable. We want to make sure that with the decision making, we have everything line up realistically. Tony Turri suggested maybe meeting a couple of times and knock things out, we have 3 new board members now. There was a discussion if we have everyone in this group or have sub committees. There was also a discussion about including future groups or entities and other departments that might be interested, such as CTE, Science, Art.

Jason Armstrong was brainstorming and thinking that initially other groups may not need t be there right at first. Emily Brown suggested coming up with ideas and then brining them to the group.

Jared will go through the Master plan, look at things that we may still want to include, things we may want to add. The Master Plan was reviewed to see what types of members were initially part of this process. Alice suggested having the Ag department meet up on their own first and bring information and input back to this group. Jared will go through the document, generate some main ideas. The document will be shared with everyone by September 1st , feedback by the 8th and the group will meet on September 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Tony Turri contact Jared a few weeks ago to share an idea of having a chairman and sub chairmen (upper level classman). He has a friend that's involved in something similar and he would like this for the district. It would also be connected to FFA, like a roadmap to FFA. Jason Armstrong shared that the state is pushing students for work experience so it could possibly be a 2-period block and could count for work experience, proficiency etc.

Tony Turri shared that the expectations could include working with Ty Bryd as a mentor. He would like to see a budget on cows, trees, greenhouse etc. There was a discussion how Ag Production used to be a course with peaches and working on the washout for the pigs but at the time, we didn't have much money to work with. Tony Turri shared the physical part is easy the hard part is working on a budget, and learning how to manage a farm, this is what he would like to see as a board member.

There was further discussion on how back then it was maintained by only using Ranch funds and money came from the portfolio. Now it has transitioned to the Ranch and partially part of the district. Jared shared that the expectations of this facility is to provide resources and opportunities for the students. Tony doesn't want it to be a heavy burden on the school but would like to see cashflow and budget on items such as:

- Breeding cost
- Vaccination cost
- Planting trees

Emily Brown shared that she works on the classroom budget and has her own projections so this would be one additional step to have kids become more involved in the process (work experience).

- Record keeping
- Operational document

Alice shared that there are not many schools with a Ranch and there are a couple of different ideas about this.

- Classrooms projects
- Projects in and out of the classroom
- FFA committee
- SAU Project

The hard part is deciding what option is best and where to begin. There are Ag Business Classes that have a tiered system (budget/Managing) Alice thinks we should start with one area. Emily Brown is concerned with offering projects to students but not having proper oversight and supervision. There was a discussion about paid work experience and then having kids work unpaid to solely get the experience in hopes for a desire to use the experience in their future (future jobs). The district doesn't want to demand too much on the Ag teachers so this all needs to be discussed.

11. Ranch Maintenance Guidelines, Barriers to Meting Guidelines- Superintendent, Jared Caylor- How can we do better moving forward. Felipe and Tony need to know what is acceptable and what is not. This summer Felipe was gone for 3 weeks on vacation and Tony was spraying – he only works 1 day per week. Jared shared there was a discussion of possibly increasing Tony's time but the board would need to be approved by the board to adjust this in his contract.
12. R Farm- Maintenance- With regard to the R Farm side, we are trying to make clear with the instructional staff what is expected and that they are not expected to do in order to get things done. And not to suggest that they take care of things on their own time.

It is a learning facility that can be used for the kids, what do we do with it?

There was discussion of using the metal building. It could be used for anything.

1. Stock with goods
2. Marketing
3. Shopping
4. Cardinal Nest could use it
5. Selling goods such as fruit/veggies

Alice wondered if STAR's could be a resource for the supervision part. Jason thinks that this might be a good idea since STAR's is until 6:00 pm each day. Emily Brown likes the ideas and thinks it needs a good cleaning and there would be tons of interest.

Jared has a list of stuff maintenance items but wanted to get any input from this group. Jason will connect with Debbie and Josh to let them know that they can do as much as they would like but not to the point where they feel overwhelmed.

13. Other Topics- Emily would like to be able to bring her class out and teach them about pruning but in a proper way that could help Tony Rosiles. Alice suggested increasing his time to possibly help the students. Jared will work on looking into a schedule to see if this is possible. He will work with Tony Rosiles to create a list of timelines and they can run it by the group.

14. Hay – The barn is filled with Hay and we have so much more than we need. It is tough to sell it and Tony doesn't want to just give it away. He asked Tony Turri what a fair market value is on the hay.

Tony Turri knows some brokers and will share some information with Tony Rosiles.

15. Alice Johnson New Role as Teacher Lead for the Ranch- Alice shared a calendar with everyone. She emailed the tech department requesting that it be placed on the website.

The first semester will be updated by Alice and the second semester will be updated by Emily. She has tried to coordinate with the R Fam and Cross Country as well. The more information the better. She asked if scholarships should be highlighted as well. Maybe names and pictures, not details. Jared shared that there is the distinction of the Trust and the Ranch and we just want to always remember that, but there is no problem with highlighting the scholarship awards.

Alice will keep a running list of tasks, they will have an IG and Facebook page, the website will have a quarterly newsletter and she would like to share the newsletter and information with all of the people who were invited to the community event last year. She is working on a separate calendar for Admin, teachers and this group which will be a little more detailed. Professional development for Non-ag teachers will also be included on the calendar. Student projects will be displayed as well.

Jared thanked Alice and commented that she is off to a great start. Alice is so thankful for the support and introduced the new Ag Teacher Sarah Richardson. Jared also introduced Centennial Principal, Audri Bakke who is now attending three meetings in hopes to bring some opportunities and student involvement for the Centennial students as well.

16. Meeting Adjourned: 5:20 p.m. Other Meeting Dates: 9/20 4:00, 11/7/23, 2/6/24 & 5/7/24