

Rodgers Committee Meeting 8.20.24

Minutes taken by: Jessica Marquez

Attendees:

Miguel Barriga
Bob Safford
Eric Moxon
Diana Davisson

Audri Bakke
Emily Brown
Todd Henderson
Sarah Richardson

Alice Johnston
Jason Armstrong
Tony Turri
Justine Felton

Student Monica May

1. Welcome/Introduction : Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The group introduced themselves one by one.
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3. Minutes were distributed from May 14, 2024 and no changes were recommended.
4. Public Comment – there was none.
5. Endowment Update- Eric Moxon from Stifel introduced himself and shared the following information:

Investment Account

Total Value \$3,229,735 (target is 3.3 million)
Cash Flow Projected - \$152,559- 4.72% yield

We focus on muni bonds and the return on bonds are starting to drop. Performance is up 7.06 % which is good. The Feds are expected to drop rates in September and as rates drop the muni bonds will rise. We need to get called funds invested as well.

Board Member, Board Member, Tony Turri asked the process to reinvest. Eric shared that he sends over an offer sheet to the Superintendent and then after review, the Superintendent will communicate the decision. Eric has put together a current offer sheet and once Miguel has been added to the account, he will be able to review it. There is just one more bit of paperwork to process and then he will be added to the account.

6. Student Update- Monica May shared that she is a 4th year Ag Member and is in Advanced Ag. She shared information on the Chapter Outreach and that the students have been plating mums and poinsettias and are also picking tomatoes.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/10 FFA Chapter Meeting and BBQ
 - 9/17 FFA Green hand Palooza
 - 10/24 3rd Grade Ag Day
 - 10/26 FFA Pumpkin Patch and Haunted House
7. Ranch Maintenance Update- Superintendent, Miguel Barriga shared that Tony Rosiles notified the district that he was unable to attend the meeting and at the district's request, he shared an update.

The update is as follows:

Ranch maintenance: We got pumpkins just sprayed for weeds and insecticide to keep them clean and healthy never really done that in years past. Had summer student workers during summer which cleaned weeds and planted pumpkins which need a better plan for that.

8. **Orchard Updates and Plans-** Superintendent, Miguel Barriga shared the following update from Tony Rosiles.

Orchards update: walnuts are healthy and growing keeping weeds under control. Olives are finally taking off with fertilizer applications. Been talking with a few walnut buyers for future of upcoming harvest. Trying to keep them local don't think we should have issue finding buyer. Plan for spraying trees in the future either hire custom applicators or purchase own sprayer.

Bob Safford shared that we had 3 students working at the farm over the summer. They did weeding on the Olive Orchard side and planted pumpkins. They pruned vines and were able to make a little money working. They worked in the mornings since it was so hot and we all learned a little something to make the process better next year.

Emily shared that the students were given a survey so we had some student feedback. Most rated the experiences and questions around a 3 out of 5. Emily thinks a schedule would be good rather than a morning text of what the expectations are for the day. Board Member, Tony Turri shared that Tony Rosiles had some concerns of who was in charge. Bob Safford shared that he was in charge and Felipe was here but he wasn't expected to be in charge. Jason Armstrong shared that the way it was portrayed was not too good and this is how education works. Was it a set up thing? An execution thing? Maybe even both. There were comments of not having the right kids and Emily shared that he was part of the hiring process. Things will be better for next year and all agreed that the lead person overseeing the students has permission to fire them if they aren't doing their job. The group will have to decide who that person is. Justine Felton was part of the process and is totally okay with taking on that responsibility, if needed. Alice Johnston asked if they could see the report that Tony shared. Jessica shared that she took the minutes from the board meeting and are available on the district website.

Board Member, Todd Henderson shared some feedback that he felt that if Tony wasn't there to show them, nothing would get done. Jason commented that this was his perspective based on his expectation. Emily shared that there will be a winter meeting and they will discuss the hiring process and maybe they will designate one person to be the lead person and have a different approach. Maybe hire more students with less days so they can feel like they are making a group effort and accomplish more. The discussion continued if we could get better kids involved. Justine thinks that we need to train them but that takes time and Bob Safford agreed. They will make sure that the job description is very clear with set expectations and hopefully it will be a better experience next year.

Superintendent, Miguel Barriga shared that he is listening and sees this as an experiment and everyone is learning. In the Master Plan, there are guidelines and he plans to report more often and agrees that we need to clean up the expectation. He appreciates the follow up with the students that Emily shared and hopefully we can tighten this up as much as possible so things get better and better.

Some highlights to focus on:

- Contract with the kids
- Okay to fire them (if needed)
- Communication regarding expectation

Tony Rosiles met with Miguel and Emily yesterday and some highlights were as follows:

- Extending pad of the Greenhouse
- Solenoids and the watering system melted
- Pipes split and those will be fixed this month
- Matt Jardin is going to look into installing cameras (2 n the Show Barn)

Joe shared the following information:

Joe, RJ and Miguel looked at the electricity and RJ reached out to a local electrician to look into the breakers and GFI's. This would be great and we can get rid of the extension cords. The electricity is only for the barn. Board Member, Todd Henderson asked if the electrician can look into both areas of concern since they are going to be out there.

Justine shared to make sure that we get the 360 cameras like we have at the school. The storage is 30 days and we can zoom in pretty nicely. There were concerns about the lighting and although we don't allow kids there after 10:00 pm, what if we have a homeless person or someone hanging around who is not supposed to. Do we need motion lights? Bob Safford shared that we did have a situation once before and lights would have helped. There are currently 5 out there right now including the 1 at the gate. Alice Johnston was concerned that the lights could be an issue with the livestock. Emily suggested that we asked Patterson to run the conduit to support a motion light and discussed that initially it was at the lamb pens but pic and steer pens is the new idea which allows for more space, so electricity there would be great.

9. Emily Brown shared a project list which was discussed at the last meeting. The group looked at the projects and a lot of these can be paid for with CTEIG money.

<u>2024-2025 School Year</u>			Lead Person	Information		Continue Discussions on Projects
Peach Orchard	3000	CTEIG by Dec	Tony	1000 irrigation, 2000 Trees, leave old orchard for now.		Erosion/Parking
Chicken Equipment (4400)	16000	CTEIG by Dec	Alice			Replace Hog Boxes
Fencing and post hole digger (4300+4400)	7000	CTEIG by Dec	Bob			Level A-2
Lamb Pens (4400)	8000	CTEIG by Dec	Alice			
Greenhouse Materials (4300)	3000	CTEIG by Dec	Emily/Sarah			
Additional Show Ring Gate (4400)	1500	CTEIG by Dec	Nolan?			

Pond Restoration		CTEIG by Dec	Tinker/Jason			
Electricity to Hog Pens		Deferred Maintenance or CTEIG	Joe	Patterson Irrigation coming to do walk thru		
Diesel Tank for Farm	1000	Ranch	Tony	Enclosed Tank, purchase from hunt and sons		
Felipe Mileage \$100/month	1200	Ranch	Diana			
Mite Spray (Equipment or Contract Service)	8000	Ranch	Tony	38,000 to purchase equipment		
Tables and Chairs for Ranch	6000	Ranch	Alice	https://www.eventstable.com/100-metal-folding-chairs-and-1-hanging-chair-bundle.html?startcustomization=1	https://www.lifetime.com/viewcart	
Trail Landscaping	5000	24/25 CTEIG	????			
Barn Camaras	5000	Safety Grant	Emily/Matt	2000 for 2 cameras + running conduit		
Greenhouse Plant Plugs	1000	District	Sarah	Unable to purchase with CTEIG due to deadline.		

Board Member, Tony Turri asked if students were involved in any of these projects. Emily shared that the students would raise the chickens and same thing with the Lamb Pens but the students aren't building them. Jason Armstrong shared that the trail could be a student project. Board Member, Tony Turri feels that as a board member, he doesn't understand why students can't be more involved in these projects. Emily Brown agrees with some stuff, maybe we could discuss this show ring gate with Ag Mechanics and see if they could help. Jason Armstrong feels that we have a handful of kids who could help but what the time frame.

Find the plans we need

Do we have the right tools ?

Do we have the right welders ?

How long will this take? Two students may take an entire year

We have the money to spend now that can impact students. Board Member, Tony Turri understands and thinks that we should look down the road a year from now and start looking at those projects now.

Emily shared that some things can be done but a lot of projects require a certain expertise that the students don't have. Looking at a project like the trail. We can have the contractor take care of the dirt part and maybe have Natural Resources students do the landscaping. Maybe Marketing help with the plaques. This is a a good opportunity for kids to participation and get involved.

Board Member, Tony Turri feels that there is a lot of opportunity missed for the kids. Alice Johnston agrees 100% with Emily that for kids to help, takes a lot of time and effort and they don't know how to do certain things. Realistically we don't have 1 person to be out here to

oversee all of these projects This is an idea we might want to consider but all of the current teachers are in class and don't have the time. How do we implement something like this and where do we begin. We would need a full time teacher out at the Ranch.

Emily shared that Clovis has a Citrus Orchard and the kids go out for a class period but they aren't doing any of the work beyond that. This is an educational experience for them to learn. Board Member, Tony Turri is frustrated at the system and not anyone individually.

Superintendent, Miguel Barriga- what is next, do we take this to the Board. Jason Armstrong thinks we can do this all with the CTEIG funds. Most of items can be covered with those funds and if not, the general fund. The sprayer is a no because students cannot use this and landscaping is questionable. There was a discussion where the table and chairs would be stored and all agreed that they could be placed in the tool room.

Diana Davisson suggested we take this to the Board for approval soon and Miguel confirmed that we would do that next month at our regular scheduled board meeting.

10. Other Topics- Principal, Jason Armstrong shared that he will forward his contact information to Dave Tinker. He might be faster at getting to it this fall. Last time Jason shared that this project would cost the district close to nothing.

Board Member, Board Member, Tony Turri asked if anybody knew an update on the pigeons. He will check with Mark Messmer. He wanted to request that Miguel gives the Board an update after each meeting and Miguel will make sure that this happens and also include a brief update in his Friday update to the board.

Emily Brown mentioned that the R Farmhouse update is that she is hoping to have it up and running by next year. This is the best case timeline. The district is hoping to receive funding from the GSP Grant by May. The GANS go out in September, so hopefully no later than May.

As for the 5 year plan, Emily would like to see the Pole Barn Event Center up and running.

11. Meeting Dates: 11/12, 2/11 & 5/6

12. Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.