

Utah FFA Foundation Board of Trustees

Minutes – Annual Meeting

17 March 2009 – Western AgCredit Board Room

In Attendance

Layne Anderson
Chase Black
Sarah Buttars
Buddy Deimler
Dave Erickson
Brett Evans
Mark Gibbons

Mike Kohler
Rick Lovell
Clay Nielson
Randy Parker
Cary Peterson
Kyle Stephens
Jim Webb

Excused

Dr. Kelly Matthews
Dolores Wheeler
Cary Peterson

1. Call to Order

Board Chair Clay Nielson called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Clay welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed thanks to Sarah Buttars for hosting the Board at Western AgCredit.

2. Approval of Minutes

Kyle Stephens made the motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections; item #7 Proposal for the use of the 2008-09 Foundation Contribution – Changing 2009-09 to 2008-09. The motion was seconded by Dave Erickson which then passed.

3. Annual Financial Report

Randy Parker presented the Annual Financial Report and reported Assets of \$180,380 with a Total Liabilities & Fund Balance of \$180,380. Total Revenue was reported at \$17,860 in contributions and \$4,018 in interest for a Total Revenue of \$21,878. The only expense listed was the \$6,500 contribution the Utah FFA Association leaving an Excess of Revenue over Expenses of \$15,378. The full report is included in the minutes. Layne Anderson made the motion to postpone the approval of the report until all State FFA Convention contributions sent through the Foundation were added to the report. Brett Evans seconded the motion which then passed. The contributions need to be broken out individually but kept separate from the other Foundation contributions. Brett Evans needs to send that State Convention contribution list to the Secretary so that records can be kept and thank you notes sent. The Treasurer also accepted donations during the meeting from Cary Peterson \$100, McPherson Farms - Paul McPherson \$200.00, and Double P Ranch – Gary and Rane Peterson \$100.

4. Election of Board Members

Randy Parker made the motion to suspend the rules and elect the following Board Members by Acclamation for the 2009-2011 term;

- Clay Nielson, Zions Bank
- Cary Peterson, Fund Raising Chair
- Dr. Kelly Matthews, Wells Fargo Bank
- Jim Webb, Circle Four Farms

An amendment was made by Sarah Buttars to elect the following potential board members or an individual from their specific organization, after they had been contacted and accepted the invitation to serve. Those assigned to make the contacts need to report back in 45 days – May 1, 2009. The amendment was seconded by Brett Evans which then passed. The main motion also passed. The potential board members and assignments are as follows:

- Arthur Douglas – Rick Lovell
- Brent Tanner – Clay Nielson
- Diane Jones - Brett Evans
- Tony Fassio – Kyle Stephens
- Kent Erickson – Dave Erickson

5. Elections of Board Officers

Layne Anderson nominated Clay Nielson as Chair of the Board of Trustees. There was a motion that nominations close, the motion passed. Clay Nielson was elected by acclamation.

Mark Gibbons made the motion to suspend the rules and seat the remaining officers as currently outlined. Brett Evans seconded the motion which then passed. Officers for March 2009 through February 2010 are:

- Chair – Clay Nielson, Zions Bank
- Vice Chair – Layne Anderson, Intermountain Farmers Association
- Secretary – William Deimler, Utah State Office of Education
- Treasurer – Randy Parker, Utah Farm Bureau Federation

6. State FFA Report

Chase Black presented the State FFA Report for Blake Olorenshaw. He invited the Board Members to the State FFA Convention which will be held April 16-18, 2009 at Utah State University. Friday the 17th will be a big day with the State Degree Luncheon at 12:15 pm in Taggart Student Center Ballroom and the Foundation multimedia recognition in the 3rd

General Session. Board members were invited to participate in all activities. The full report is included in the minutes.

7. State FFA Membership Report

It was noted that preliminary FFA membership for 2008-09 has already exceeded the final membership for 2007-08 by 428 members or by 10%. The full report is included in the minutes. Buddy Deimler made the motion that Dave Erickson pass this information on to the Agriculture Teachers and congratulate them for their hard work in increasing FFA Membership. The second was offered by Mark Gibbons; the motion passed. It was also suggested that Layne Anderson include congratulatory remarks in his presentation on Thursday night at the State FFA Convention. Several high school programs were selected to be contacted to express support for the program and encourage the high school/district to step up the support for the program. The programs selected were:

- Mountain Crest High School - Principal-Jack Robinson 435-245-6093
- Altamont High School – Principal-Glen Simkins 435-738-1345
- Parowan High School – Principal-Scott Doubek 435-477-3366

Buddy Deimler will provide an outline of the benefits of running a full agricultural Education/FFA program so that Foundation Board Members can talk with the School Board members about the benefits of the program.

8. Contribution Solicitation Report

- Buddy Deimler send a list of current contributors and addresses to Clay Nielson. Clay will send out the solicitation letters.
- Need to rewrite the solicitation letter “Why their contribution is justified”. Examples outstanding Leadership training in the high school, service opportunities, Ag Literacy, and can help further the purposes of the agricultural organization.
- Need to have a Foundation Link on the FFA Homepage
- Board members need to send a list of new potential contributors to Clay Nielson.
 - i. Make the initial contact,
 - ii. Clay sends out the solicitation letter
 - iii. Re-contact the potential contributor to close deal.

9. Next Meeting

- Date: September 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm (This is a new time)
- Hold at the State Fair Board Room (Sarah Buttars will check on availability). If it is not available we will meet at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Dave Erickson made the motion to adjourn with a second by Mark Gibbons. Motion passed.