

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Video Conference Call**  
**September 26, 2020**

Iowa FFA President Mickayla McGill and Board Chair Pro Tem Bret Spurgin called the September Board Meeting to order at 10:39 AM.

*Attendance*

**Executive Committee:**

Mickayla McGill	President
Mia Gibson	Secretary
Blake Van Der Kamp	Reporter
Bronson Forsyth	NC VP
Carson Brinks	NE VP
Haley Williams	NW VP
Devin DeVore	SC VP
Kabe Boysen	SE VP
Cory Miller	SW VP

**Adult Board – Voting:**

Jon Davis	Board Chair Pro Tem
Bret Spurgin	NC District
Krystal Wright	NE District
Allyssa Blanchfield	NW District
Casey Brown	SC District
Jacob Hunter	SE District
Blake Anderson	SW District
Alan Spencer	IAAE Representative
Nate Gibson	Alumni Representative

**Ex-Officio/Non-Voting:**

Scott Johnson	Executive Director
Matthew Eddy	State Advisor
Chandler Jahner	Past FFA President
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Ag Ed & Studies
David Hill	Administration Rep
Janine Van Vark	Bus./Industry Rep

**Visitors:**

Amber Greiman	Past Board Chair
Irv Meier	Retired Instructor

*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

The board members reviewed the agenda. Brown moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility. N. Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brincks moved to concur. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Action Items*

**Board of Directors Chairperson**

Davis left the meeting. In accordance with Article III of the by-laws, Eddy nominates Davis as chairperson of the board of directors to serve in the position through 2022. Wright moved to approve Davis as the board chairperson. Seconded

by Brown. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed. Davis rejoined the meeting and assumed the duties of the board chairperson.

### *Standard Agenda*

#### **Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes**

The board members reviewed the minutes from the June Board Meeting. Spurgin moved to accept the June minutes as presented. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brincks moved to concur. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed. July special meeting minutes were reviewed, Brown moved to accept the July minutes as presented. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. DeVore moved to concur. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of August 31, 2020:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$396,112.79
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$321,620.54
<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings:</b>	<b>\$717,733.33</b>
Outstanding Balance:	\$512.00

Forsyth moved to approve the treasurer's report. Van Der Kamp seconded the motion. Motion passed. N. Gibson moved to concur. Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **FFA Membership Report**

Johnson reported record membership 16,162 members as of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Team Ag Ed Reports: IAAE, Alumni, Foundation, PAS & FFA**

The reports were reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

#### **Teacher Education Program Reports**

Reports from Iowa State University and Morningside were reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

#### **Iowa State Fair**

Johnson shared from Dennis Meggers that the Fair Special Shows went well and that there will be no state fair show superintendent meetings this fall.

### **Dept. Of Education Update:**

Eddy gave a brief update regarding the Department of Education.

### *Non-Action Items*

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

Saturday, December 5, 2020; Saturday, March 27, 2021; Sunday, June 27, 2021 (tentative). December and March meetings will most likely occur over Zoom.

#### **IRS Form 990 Questionnaire**

Johnson discussed the questionnaire that is to be completed by board members as part of filing the Iowa FFA Associations 990 Tax Form.

#### **Website Redesign**

Eddy provided a brief update on how the website redesign process is going and the updates that still need to be made before the release.

#### **Business/Industry Representative**

Johnson introduced the new board Business/Industry Representative as Janine Van Vark. Van Vark works with the National Pork Producers Council and will serve a three-year term on the board.

### *Action Items*

#### **FY21 Budget**

Johnson presented to the board the proposed FY21 budget. He shared one recommendation that was different from the printed version shared with the board. That change includes moving \$1,000 from the state staff line item to the operations general insurance line item. The board discussed the National FFA Convention and Expo budget line item, leaving the amounts as proposed. A motion was made by Devore to approve the budget as presented. It was seconded by Brincks. Motion passed. A motion to concur was made by Spurgin and seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

#### **Virtual Events For Above the Local Level Activities:**

Johnson presented that questions have been raised as to the extent to which virtual events would count toward the Iowa FFA Degree. The board engaged in a discussion regarding whether Virtual National and State Convention should count as above the level activities toward the Iowa FFA Degree. DeVore moved to strike out Chapter Representative (Page 4, 6c) from State Approved List of Activities in Iowa FFA Degree Rules. Forsyth second the motion.

Discussion was held among the Executive Committee, and clarification was brought to the attention as if this was for the year 2020 or all years. DeVore withdrew his motion. Motion approved by general consent. M. Gibson moved to exclude the 2020 state convention from the State Approved List of Activities in the Iowa FFA Degree Rules (Page 4, 6c). DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0. Davis asked for a motion to concur from the adult board and no motion was made. The motion died due to lack of action from the adult board.

### **Cancellation of Ag Mechanics CDE:**

Johnson recommended to cancel the Ag Mechanics CDE due to lack of suitable host site and challenges associated with mitigating COVID-19 risk. Spurgin moved to cancel the 2020 State Ag Mechanics CDE. Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed. DeVore moved to concur. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

### **CDE Rule Changes:**

This agenda item was postponed from the June Board Meeting. Johnson discussed the rule changes presented for 2021 CDE's and LDE's. Most changes proposed come as a result of the pandemic. DeVore moved to accept all CDE and LDE rule changes as presented. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-3). Hunter moved to concur. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed.

### **FFA Proctor Agreement Form:**

Johnson shared a draft document of a form that could be used to better document the integrity of the process for proctors of virtual events. Hunter moved to refer this action item to a committee appointed by the chair to report back to the December meeting. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brown volunteered to be on the committee. Boysen moved to concur. DeVore seconded. Motion passed. McGill asked for student volunteers. Boysen and Forsyth volunteered. Davis asked for a volunteer. Blanchfield volunteered. The FFA Proctor Agreement Committee is Brown, Blanchfield, Boysen, and Forsyth.

### **Annual Report Student Survey Review and Approval:**

Johnson presented the FY21 annual report student survey. The only change from FY20 is the removal of the race/ethnicity question as Eddy is confident in that data being available through the Department of Education. Discussion

was held regarding the possibility of sharing results from each chapter individually, to which Johnson responded that this was possible. Hunter moved to accept the FY 21 Annual Report Student Survey as presented. Seconded by Wright. Motion passed. DeVore moved to concur. Seconded by Williams. Motion passed.

### **Endorsement Consideration for U.S. House File:**

The board discussed the request from Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer's office to endorse a proposed amendment to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Hunter moved that the Iowa FFA Association endorse the bill. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. Brincks moved to concur. Seconded by Forysth. Motion passed.

### *Committee Reports*

#### **Middle School FFA Chapter Affiliation**

Johnson presented the initial proposal for the Middle School Affiliation Fee. Discussion was held among the board, Hunter gave a directive to state staff to put the proposal on the December Board Meeting as an action item.

#### **Constitution and By-Laws Task Force**

Eddy updated the board on the progress of reviewing the official governing language of the Iowa FFA Association. One meeting has already been held. Proposed edits will be the topic of discussion for when they meet again.

#### **Adjournment**

Spurgin moved to adjourn. Brown seconded and the motion passed. Van Der Kamp moved to concur. Miller seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia Gibson  
2020-2021 State Secretary