

Corning Union High School District Rodgers Oversight Committee Meeting

The Purpose of the Rodgers Oversight Committee is to oversee, coordinate, and report to the Board of Trustees on the activities and development at Rodgers Ranch and the financial activity of the Rodgers Endowment. While these meetings are not subject to the Brown Act, the CUHSD Board of Trustees values transparency and public input and will therefore hold the meetings in public and allow for public comment at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Rodgers Ranch Classroom

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Call to Order
2. Review Minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Endowment Update - Eric Moxen, Stifel
5. Student Update - FFA student Lily Carter
6. Enterprise Reports: Cut Flower/Greenhouse, Cattle, Small Animal
7. Ranch and CTE showcase update- Emily
8. Project Updates: Emily
9. Ranch Maintenance Update - Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles
10. Plan for Creek Erosion and Parking: Miguel and Board
11. Propose to move the meeting times-Miguel
12. Other Topics/Upcoming Events
13. Meeting Dates for 2025/2026

August

November

February

May

1. Welcome/Call to Order: Called to order at 4:05

Miguel Read purpose of committee

Introductions: Joe Fenske, Tom Vasquez, Debbie Lamson, Jim Bingham, Audri Bakke, Karly Rice, Bob Safford, Alice Johnston, Dianna Davison, Aly Curiel, Sarah Richardson, Eric Stiffle.

2. Review Minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting

- Correct 'animal science is active with... include the word tagging.

3. Public Comment

- Miguel Comments on corning community and

4. Endowment Update - Eric Moxen, Stifel

- See attached report.
- Cash flow a little below target, but bonds waiting to mature.
- Up 1.17%, last year were up 2%.

5. Student Update - FFA student Ally Curiel

- Greenhouse manager and FFA vice president.
- 3rd Grade Ag Day, Haunted House and Pumpkin Patch
- Students fair animals have arrived and will be here until may.
- PLanning 8th grade ag day and show clinc 3/2.
- CDE and LDE teams happening on campus.
- Greenhouse manager: preparing greenhouse for spring, pruning roses, watering existing projects.

6. Enterprise Reports: Updates from Orchard, Cut Flower, Cattle, Small Animal, Greenhouse.

- Orchard: Planted new orchard 50 faye alberta, 10 pink crisp, 10 cara cara, 5 meyer, 5 eureka, 10 bearrs limes.
- Cut flower: planted more roses, pruned roses, adding more greenery this spring
- Greenhouse: seeds planted for plant sale, ally doing great. About to get busy.
- Cattle: Alan feeding and taking care of calves. Move cows to R-farm side. Feeding all the big bales before moving. Feed trail and halter breaking happening now. Alan doing well and is trained up. Alan doesn't operate a tractor so Bob is still helping with feeding.
- Small Animal: Coops being built by students, chicks and eggs coming in the next few weeks.

7. Class Involvement Report- Sarah Presentation:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAGeKjOcoEw/eXkjj7TFSAkW2rNnd-Qzqw/edit>

- Floral Design: Planted roses, grew mums sold at pumpkin patch, forced start tulips, using tulips in subscription. Floral will be in greehouse growing flowers for spring.
- Advanced Ag: planted tomatoes and harvested as experiential project. Watched calves sale at auction.
- Ag Core: planted roses, orchard, harvest walnuts, harvested pumpkins.

- Animal Science: vaccinate cattle, ultrasound, preg check, halter breaking, tagged fair lambs and hogs. Feed trials for steers.
- Ag bio: Driscoll's strawberry project, hybrid veggie starts.
- Ag Chem: NPK, Horizon, Texture of soil.
- Natural Resources: planted willow trees, creek surveying, pond area, tail cameras. Surveyed shadehouse area.
- Life and Work Prep: harvested mandarins, started seeds in greenhouse, R-farm.
- Construction Tech- shadehouse construction and concrete pouring

8. Trail Presentation- Tinker

- Presentation: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SZPPk1Z-huZKdTxCFexCP3jjAuhlEIqY6cSciTxUAU8/edit?usp=sharing>

9. Tom Vasquez, Greenhouse Consultant Update

10. Project Updates: Emily

- Add Creek Erosion to priorities: gutters, berm, county erosion control help
- See attachment

11. Budget Requests: Emily

- See attachment, multiple Tabs

12. Ranch Maintenance Update - Ranch Manager Tony Rosiles

- Email from Miguel

13. Ranch and CTE showcase on 4/23

- 1st hour will be showcase, no dinner. 2nd hour industry advisory committee, invite only.

14. Other Topics/Upcoming Events

- Creek Erosion Control on the next agenda. Walk creek erosion.
- Next Meeting May 6th, 2025

15. Remaining Meeting Dates:

Ranch and CTE Showcase Debrief Summary

Positives:

- Student and teacher pathway tables were well-presented, engaging, and informative.
- Students were knowledgeable and articulate.
- Weather conditions were favorable, and appetizers and dinner were well-received.
- Setup timing (1 hour prior) was sufficient, and 5-hour student time cards were appropriate.
- New CTE branded items (tablecloths and photo backdrop) added a polished, professional look.
- The event was well-organized and visually impressive, with good engagement from attendees.

Areas for Growth:

- Attendance was lower than expected, particularly among 6th–8th grade families and advisory members.
- Communication gaps existed; not all feeder schools distributed invitations.
- More robust marketing is needed across all social media platforms and ParentSquare in both English and Spanish.
Greater outreach recommended, including placing flyers at local businesses, parks, grocery stores, and bulletin boards.
- Consider mailing invitations to 6th–9th grade families and promoting the event more consistently in the months leading up to it.

Ideas for Next Year:

- Explore hosting the event on campus (quad area) to include classroom tours.
- Include activities for younger siblings to attract whole families.
- Clarify event purpose (recruitment, recognition, advisory) to sharpen focus.
- Poll advisory members for better meeting times (possibly during work hours).
- Engage additional partners like Rotary early in the planning stages.
- Highlight the event immediately on social media and build momentum throughout the year.

General Planning Considerations:

- Maintain two CTE Advisory meetings annually.
- Continue hosting an annual CTE Showcase.
- The showcase timing does not need to coincide directly with course selections.

Ranch Project Updates

Completed in 2024/2025:

- Shadehouse Installation
- Cabinetry and Sink Installation
- Small Animal Slab and Pens
- Power Upgrades and Lights
- Tables and Chairs for Ranch
- Chicken Tractors and purchasing laying hens
- Diesel Tank at Ranch
- Movement of Chemical Shed for Tony
- Replanting of Fruit Orchard
- Hired R-Farm Storefront Manager
- Addition of Flowers and Greenery
- **Student enterprises!!!!**

In Process:

- Greenhouse Shutter Repair

Will be completed in 2025/2026:

- Lamb Pen Installation
- Additional Power to lambs Pens and Small animal area
- Removal of Mature Peach Orchard
- Creation of Enclosed space on side of barn, roll up doors.
- R-Farm Store Front Opens
- Install the Man gate on the north side of show arena.
- Adjustment of Cattle working area, Addition of Alleyway and cattle and student friendly system. Possibly covering the chute.
- Fencing of additional Pasture South East Corner.
- Replacement of Orchard Trees at R-Farm
- Vegetable growing at R-Farm
- Lining of Pond

Pending Board Approval:

- Connect the new "B" well to irrigation pipes for areas A-1, A-2, A-3-7 to allow for irrigation.

Pending Board Feedback:

- Trail Creation
- Erosion on Creek/ Parking

Rodgers Ranch Oversight Committee Report - Richardson

Enterprises Updates

Poultry:

- ☐ 20 meat birds will be harvested on May 9th. The poultry will be served at our End of the Year Banquet on May 13th at Rodgers Ranch
- ☐ We hatched 50 laying hens in Ag Core, we kept 15 of them to start egg production at Rodgers Ranch. The hen house will be built by students in the upcoming weeks

Greenhouse/ Cut Flower:

- ☐ Plant Sale took place on April 9th & 10th. Corning FFA made \$1,200 from the event. We will be selling additional hanging flower basket for Mother Day
- ☐ On 4/24/25 students planted Zinnias that we hope to create bouquets with and sell out of the R Farm House

Cattle:

- ☐ Our school branding will take place on May 22, 2025 . We would like to invite you to attend this event.

Pumpkins

- ☐ Seeds have been ordered. Planting will take place this summer.

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- ☐ End of the Year Banquet May 13, 2025 6PM
- ☐ Tables at Rodgers Ranch & CTE Showcase