

Rodgers Committee Meeting : 11.18.25

Minutes taken by: Jessica Marquez

Attendees: Miguel Barriga, Tony Turri, Jim Bingham, Andrew Amundson, Joe Fenske Bob Safford, Emily Brown, Eric Moxon, Tony Rosiles, Sarah Richardson, Carly Rice, Audri Bakke, Diana Davisson

Student Luis Briseno

1. Welcome : Meeting was called to order at 3:15p.m.
2. Review Minutes from 8/19/25: Minutes were reviewed with no recommended changes.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Endowment Update: Eric Moxon shared the following:
 - Total Value \$3,179,742
 - Target Par Value \$3,300,000
 - Cash Flow Projection is \$150,611
 - \$6,301 moves to checking 12,1,25

Eric shared that the account is doing what it's supposed to do. The feds may cut but overall the account has done well and produces 150K-160K per year for 20+ years. There were no questions for Eric.

5. Student Update- Luis Briseno reported on the following:
 - Welcome Back BBQ
 - Pumpkin Patch
 - Succulents event
 - Hogs, Lambs and Rabbits will arrive at the farm in preparation for the fair
 - He and the students are grateful for the facilities

6. Sarah Richardson shared the following:

Cattle- We will need to hire a new student since the last one was a senior and graduated.

Poultry- a new batch moved to the farm and are laying hens.

Greenhouse- part of this was installed incorrectly and the plants aren't happy. The poinsettia's might do okay however, temp is not controlled very well. Board President, Tony Turri asked to clarify why we are having so many problems. Emily shared that the swamp coolers broke off and so a custom part was made but it was installed inside out. They thought the air would pull them open. Motors are supposed to pull them the other way. She felt scammed by the company and the panel is difficult to use and this is very frustrating and time consuming too.

Cut Flower area- we will figure out a solution to make them look good.

We have received a quote for mulch for weed control.

Pumpkins- there is a bit of weeds and pumpkins but Nolan is planning for next year and will water and use pre-emergent ahead of time.

Orchards- Planted and is small right now.

Miguel asked how long before we get eggs? – Spring time.

7. Projects and Facility Updates- Emily shared that since we hired Andrew, he is now in the process of hiring employees to help. We are replacing plants on the R Farm side and are thinking of blueberries. Gravel and dirt work in underway and we received a quote for pumpkin irrigation which is \$1300.00.

8. Ranch Maintenance Update- Tony Rosiles shared the following:

Walnuts- harvested but no numbers back yet. We did % share with Greg Jones. Pre-emergent and pruning is next.

Olives- Sprayed and not going to plan cover the crop there. Hopefully next year we will have a crop. We will need to keep pruning and clean up trunks (they want 3 feet). The wind knocked down the fruit that we had and as for nuts right now there are a handful per tree but not much and they are wet.

9. Scholarship procedures updates (certified letters) – Diana shared that the paperwork needs to be submitted by a certain time and if not received, we send out a certified letter reminding the students that they have 30 days to submit. It is challenging to try to locate the students (young students in college move around a lot) and for an example, 30 were sent and we only received 5 or 6 back so she would like to reconsider this process of sending out the certified reminders. There is not a huge benefit. Board President, Tony Turri feels like they are young adults and should be responsible. The process was discussed which is they are awarded and receive a letter with the amount and the rules so the students know ahead of time. This is also on the school website too. Board President, Tony Turri shared that they don't take it seriously and Diana shared an example of one student who requested deferment and the student was clueless on what to do. Another student, had to be contacted 7 times. Miguel sees these request as they come and they definitely need attention and guidance. Board Member, Jim Bingham feels that they need to be coached and then moving forward, if they don't do it, they don't receive the money. Miguel agrees and likes the idea. This will allow us to do away with the letter. Brittany Lamson would hold a meeting and explain the process in detail. Jim wants to make sure that the students have the option to bring in paperwork on can use the portal. All discussed and agreed this should happen sooner than later 1-2 weeks after the scholarship is received. Emily asked at what time do they forfeit the money. Diana explained the process that if they failed 2 semesters in a row, that was it. Sometimes she might have forgotten to send out the reminder letter, so this means the student kind of had a freebie and had that extra time but that was not very often.

Jim would like the students to receive a packet which explains everything (an agreement) and they have to review and sign. This would be signed by the student and by Brittany. They would

receive a copy and we keep a copy as well. This packet would include everything up front, even the deferment process and any forms needed.

10. R-Farm Update- Andrew shared that things have been going great so far. There were a few hiccups with the water however the Grand Opening was a success and we have 11 vendors working with us. The farm event was a hit and there are 3 events scheduled for 2026. There will be a Christmas market event coming up which will be hosted by a community member.

11. Other Topics/Upcoming Events- Emily would like to suggest a committee where we set aside time to make a comprehensive farming plan for all parties involved. All farming tasks so we can work it into curriculum to plan appropriately and to work with the R Farm storefront.

1. Labs (teachers)
2. Teachers
3. R Farm Manager
4. Tony Turri would like to participate
5. Greenhouse Consultant

These are just some of the ideas. Board President, Tony Turri agrees and the Board would like to see something like this put in place. We are doing well but not capturing the full potential of what could be happening out there. Board Member, Jim Bingham thinks of things that we could do at the school store and we need to map it out, we can't just decide. Emily thinks about this often and there are things happening around us that we could possibly be doing. She would like to have a work group sit down, discuss and hash it out. This could be done in a work day and maybe the farm plan comes first then the other operations fall into place. First collaborate a work plan and work products. Miguel heard discussion and suggested:

- Tom Vasquez
- Ag teachers
- Board Members

Tony would like them to give input and lay out expectations. Some of his ideas that he has had for 12+ years are:

- Beef herd
- Grain , we feed them
- Grow our own corn
- Raise pigs in off season

Emily shared that we could come up with an idea which is tied to the program and school not the staff so that this carries on in future years to come.

Board President, Tony Turri shared that he would really like a classroom out there or even 2 class periods where students are there or even attend through work experience. Emily and Miguel will meet after this meeting to hold this workshop in January.

12. Next meeting date is February 10th in the next room over G-4. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.