



NEBRASKA FFA

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Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters Council March 7th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The March 8th meeting of the Nebraska FFA Alumni & Supporters Council was called to order by President Matt Scholz at 9:07 a.m at the Leadership Center in Auroa, NE.

Those in attendance were as follows; Jill Goedeken, Jenny Meyer, Rachel Tagge, Stan Heyen, Kevin Henrichson, Tom Hoffman, Brett Nunnenkamp, Melissa Hagemeister and Matt Scholz. Those attending via zoom were Tammie Steinhauer, Matt McElfresh, Lori Walla and Kenny Reinke.

Brett reported income of \$12,810.14. Expenses were \$27,070.42 giving us a checkbook balance of \$17,742.73. Our total assests are \$364,975.50. The Exchange Bank and First Northeast Bank's CD's will mature in 2027/2030. Many of the Cornerstone Bank CD's are maturing soon and will be rolled over. Kyle Overturf, will take over our CPA position as Glenda Harder has retired. We will give her an award for her service at the 2027 Convention in Omaha.

Council members gave numerous chapter reports. St Edward, Elkhorn Valley, Sidney and Newman Grove have shown interest in starting alumni chapters.

Kaydie Brandl, NAEA, sent a report that stated the NAEA board discussed NCE and additional professional development opportunities for teachers. Preparations are underway for the Nebraska FFA State Convention.

FFA Association representative, Sarah Heideman's report, thanked the Alumni for creating and selling t-shirts. Celebration plans for the 100th year of FFA, in 2028, will begin soon.

UNL representative, Stacy Turnbull, said Convention preparations are in full swing. Many Ag Teachers are changing teaching positions next fall. She is hopeful all the vacant positions will be filled.

Courtney Nelson sent a Post-Secondary Report. They recently hosted District CDE's and livestock judging. UNL, Wayne State, Little Priest Tribal, Nebraska Indian Community College, and Northeast are planning a one-day STEM camp for incoming 6 -8 graders in a June.

Foundation representative, Melissa Hagemeister, said 67 chapters participated in I believe in Ag Campaign. Foundation grants are currently open. To celebrate the FFA 100th year, the Foundation will host an evening ticketed event during the 2028 Convention.

Membership Chair, Tammie, said the checkbook balance is \$ 10,883.24. She has not received membership dues from Minden, High Plains and Syracuse. Tammie provided an updated District Chapter document via email.

The Social Media Committee said a few Spring events have been added to our website along with convention photos being posted on Facebook. Shirt Sales information is also posted. Rachel added a list of Alumni activities/fundraising events to the website. She has contacted Fire Spring to inquire about a submission button that would allow chapters to contribute to this list.

Jill said 682 convention t-shirt orders were placed by advisors and 141 were ordered by the public. We will visit with Shirts 101 about a utilizing a later order deadline next year. We will ask them to keep online store open during the entire Convention this year.

Kenny and Brett will coordinate the Booth Games/Cornhole Contest. The Alumni will run activities at the Railyard/Cube on Friday, March 27, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Brett said official dress items are ready. Items include caps, stocking caps, belt buckles, ties, state degree chains and socks. Kevin will get panty hose.

Rachel is coordinating the online Volunteer Sign Up.



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Convention duties are as follows: Matt and Kenny will give Retiring Officers 1/4 Zips, Matt will present the Premier Chapter award, Matt & Kenny will attend the Proficiency Dinner and Proficiency Session. Rachel will attend the LDE Lunch and Stan will present the LDE/ CDE awards.

Jenny, Melissa, Matt and Lori will continue to serve on Scholarship Committee. Matt will ask Matt Kreifls for the Student Teacher Scholarship information.

The 2027 Convention will be in Omaha next January. Kevin, Jenny and Rachel make up this committee. Contact has been made with the Tractor Supply, the American Legion, United Seeds, Clas. We will be working with Ralston and Bryan High School Ag Teachers. The committee would like recognize Joe Baldesarre at the Convention for his continued convention assistance.

Jill expressed interest in working with Steve Olson, from Minnesota, to facilitate future Professional Development for our Alumni.

The By-Laws Committee: Matt, Kenny and Stan, will visit with Troy White.

Old Business:

NCE Conference: Rachel, Brett, Stan and Jill will attend on June 10th in Kearney, at Younes Convention Center.

The Alumni will hold a session called: "Using FFA Alumni & Supporters to Strengthen Student Success." Participants will discover how Alumni and community supporters can serve as a vital bridge between classroom learning and world opportunities through their mentorship, career exploration, fundraising support, advocacy and hands on experiences. Jill will create a survey to get information from alumni and Ag Teachers.

Jill said the Teacher Retention Incentive Program committee will meet after the state convention.

Jill is attending the Regional Development Conference in Minnesota, on March 21. Our council is interested in hosting the Remote Development Conference in Columbus ,Nebraska in 2028.

The Remote Development conference is April 21-23, 2026 @ 12:00 EST Zoom.

Matt provided a Shoot-N-Swing update. We will concentrate on providing bigger prizes instead of paying out flights. We need 9 pin prizes, a few door prizes, champion and runner up prizes. Bret will be treasurer that day.

New Business:

A Welding Rodeo idea was proposed. The premise is that students weld an entire project (ie: picnic table, firewood rack, welding cart, etc.) for a competition. At Thanksgiving break, students will be given raw materials, specific plans and instructions with their projects being judged in April. Chapters can donate their projects to the school or use as a fundraiser. Tom will chair a committee, with Matt and Rachel.

A discussion was held about working with the FFA Foundation Endowment.

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Other Business:

Stan shared the idea of holding an Alumni booth at the Cattleman Classic next February.

The location of the 2028 Convention was discussed.

The Council goals continue to be supporting local alumni chapters with community service, financial resources in their projects and events.

Council Member chapter assignments will remain the same.



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Future Activities & Meeting Dates include:

March 25-27 State FFA Convention

May 23 - Shoot 'N Swing

June 6 Council meeting will be held via Zoom at 9:00 a.m..

FFA Day at State Fair is September 3rd.

Our next meeting will be on September 12th in Aurora at 9:00 a.m. The November 7th meeting will be held in Columbus at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Stan and seconded by Kevin.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Meyer, Secretary