



NEBRASKA FFA

ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS

Nebraska FFA Alumni & Supporters
Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 17, 2026

The annual meeting for the Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters was called to order by President Matt Scholz at 8:00 a.m. at the Niobrara Lodge, Valentine, Nebraska.

Roll Call showed 36 members in attendance.

The treasurer's report showed a net worth of \$366,443.50. Total income was \$72,153.08. Total Expenses were \$62,290.48. The checkbook balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$26,114.47. Total assets are \$375,805.09.

The 2026 budget was presented by Brett Nunnenkamp. He indicated there would be a new income and expense, with the Shoot & Swing. The website cost increased to \$2220.00 a year. Increasing the proposed expenses to \$63,915.00 and stating a potential income of \$65,848.26.

A motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented was moved by Les Hronung, and seconded by Monte Jones. Motion Carried.

Jill Goedeken, National Central Region Representative from the National FFA Alumni & Supporters, said her training in Indianapolis will be February 1-5. She congratulated Nebraska on receiving a Gold ranking at the National Convention.

State Officer, Jake Rezac, sent a report that noted they are currently doing chapter visits, and preparing for the state convention.

Monty Larsen, UNL representative, said Nebraska remains the largest outreach teacher prep program in the nation, with 9 staffers. 9 Ag Education students graduated in December. 10 students will graduate in May. The shortage of Ag teachers candidates continues to be a challenge. Transitional Certification Program through ALEC is one way they are increasing the pool. He thanked the FFA Alumni for their continued support.

NAEA representative, Kaydie Brandl, sent a report that said 10 Nebraska teachers attended the NAAE/ ACTE Vision conference. She mentioned there are several CDE events occurring.

Nebraska State FFA Advisor, Sarah Heideman's report said they will continue to embrace our assistance with the PBA activities at the State Convention. 2026 Convention will be March 25-27. She noted the State Degree Ceremony will be moved to Wednesday evening.

Post- Secondary Representative, Courtney Nelson, did not submit a report.

Melissa Hagemeister, Nebraska FFA Foundation representative, did not have anything new to report.

Tammie Steinhauer reported there are 47 active chapters, with 7 that have yet to submit a roster and dues. The membership account has a checkbook balance of \$9,361.59

Rachel Tagge, Awards Chariman, reported that the award deadline will continue to be December 1st. She said there was a larger number of award applications received this year. The Golden Idea Competition's winners were announced. This event occurred on Friday, January 16. Osceola was awarded first place and will receive \$1500. Lakeview will receive \$1000, as the 2nd place recipient. She will update the website with this information on. She said some of the plaques at the Leadership Center are running out of space for future recipients. The Al Sick Award plaque is full. The new plaque will be called the Distinguished Service Award.

The Nominating Committee announced that these current council members are seeking reelection: Jenny Meyer, Stan Heyek, Lori Walla and Kenny Reinke.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion to accept those names for our ballot was moved by Jill Goedeken and seconded by Rachel Tagge. Motion carried.

The nominating Committee shared Election results and the following will be Council members: Jenny Meyer, Stan Heyek, Lori Walla and Kenny Reinke.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

The 2026 FFA Convention will be March 25-27 at the Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln. The Alumni and Supporters will continue to have a booth where they will sell t-shirts, Official Dress, gift items, and State Degree chains. We will continue to host Corn Hole games near our booth. We will continue to sponsor different games in The Cube on that Friday. A volunteer sign up link will be posted on Facebook and on our website.



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Matt reported we will have our first Shoot-N-Swing in Crete on May 23rd. Entry fee is \$80 per person. Teams of 4 will compete with the top 2 scores being submitted. There will be 25 targets of trap and 9 holes of golf. Pin prizes and trap prizes will be awarded. Lunch will be provided.

The 2027 Nebraska FFA Alumni & Supporters Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on January 15 & 16, 2027. The Convention committee includes Kevin, Rachel and Jenny with help from FFA advisors from Bryan and Ralston. Hotel block is reserved at Holiday Inn Express and the banquet will be at VFW.

Other Business:

Members were told where to drop off auction items for tonight's banquet and where to put food bank donations. A local Valentine FFA Supporter will take our donations to the delivered Helping Hands Food Pantry.

The tour schedule was discussed.

A suggestion was made to host the 2028 FFA Alumni & Supporters Convention in Aurora, NE to celebrate our 100th year.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Joe Baldesaar and seconded by Kurt Frauen. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 a.m. on January 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Meyer, Secretary