EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Riesel, Texas

### May 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

## President – Amanda Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Amanda Smith, Amanda Latham, Kevin Devrow, Adam Robinson, Jennifer Kolar, Beth Ann Gann, Tammy Christian, Mark Vitters, Tommy Burris, Beth Zuilhof, Ron Snyder, Jenna Jones, Jake Boyd, Ed Strange, Cory Shaw, Jeannette Middleton, and Gary Rosenbusch were present.

1. Review Area Financial Records - Gary Rosenbusch
   1. Area/District Funds – Ag Teachers Conference
   2. $25,000.00 was put in an LPL Account. Balance as of 5/22//24 is $31,922.31
2. Reports or Concerns on list below:

LDE Report – THE DATE & PLACE OF AREA LDE WAS DISCUSSED

CDE Report – NEED FOR CLARITY OF CALCULATOR FOR AG SALES AND FBM

SDE Report – NEED FOR JUDGES TO BE TRAINED ON SCORING. POSSIBLY TURN IN A SYNOPSIS INSTEAD OF SPEECH OR TRAIN JUDGES TO NOT FOLLOW ALONG WORD FOR WORD OF SPEECH

Awards and Degree Report

Degree Check Committee Reports – From Area

Scholarship Report – DISCUSSION OVER INTERVIEWING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTES FOR AREA SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY. RON S MOVED AND BETH Z SECONDED THE MOTION TO INTERVIEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS FOR AREA SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY DURING THE OFFICER TESTING AND INTERVIEWS. MOTION PASSED

Area Officer Election Report- IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO PLUG IN SCORE SHEETS FROM THE INTERVIEWS ON THE MORNING OF THE AREA CONVENTION BY THE VERIFICATION COMMITTEE. TAMMY HAS AGREED TO STAY ON WITH THE COMMITTEE AS THE CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS. WE WILL NEED TO ELECT A NEW CO-CHAIR AT THE CONFERENCE.

1. Area Leadership Conference
2. Date: June 7-10
3. Place: Lakeview Camp & Retreat - Waxahachie
4. Time: Registration – 11:00
5. Cost: $150.00 for Advisors.
6. Who Pays: Districts will pay for their Officers

1. Chapter Officer Camp
2. Date: June 14
3. Place: Corsicana High School
4. Time: Registration at the High School at 8:00 am
5. Cost: $15 for everyone except Area Officers and Advisors
6. Greenhand Conference –
7. Date: SEPT. 14, 2024
8. Place: Midway River Valley Middle School - Waco
9. Time: Registration begins at 8:30 am
10. Cost: $5.00
11. Area VIII Awards Banquet

A. Date: SEPT. 10. 2024

B. Place: Midway High School - Waco

C. Time: 6:30 pm

D. Meal and Cost: Kevin will handle – SAME MENU AS LAST YEAR AT A COST OF $13.50

1. Area LDE
2. Date: NOVEMBER 22, 2024 1ST CHOICE
3. Place: POSSIBLY AT HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL ON THAT FRIDAY
4. Entry Fee: $20.00
5. Judges – Rotation on Web site
6. Area CDE
7. Bi-Area Contest – April , Tarleton A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO HAVE THE OUTSIDE CONTESTS ON A DIFFERENT DATE. WILL HAVE TO CHECK WITH TARLETON ON THIS POSSIBLITY.
8. Meats Contest – April 12, A&M
9. Area VIII Convention and Degree Check
10. Date: May 12, 2025
11. Place: MCC IF WE CAN CONTROL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. POSSIBLITY OF HAVING AN OVERFLOW ROOM WITH VIDEO FEED. ALSO, RON S WILL CHECK INTO THE POSSIBLITY OF HAVING CONVENTION AT JOSHUA HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 5TH OR 12TH.
12. Other: CHANGE THE DELEGATE SIGNIN PROCESS. AMANDA SMITH WILL CHECK WITH WACO CONVENTION CENTER ON THE POSSIBLITY OF HAVING CONVENTION THERE.
13. Vickie Rosenbusch Memorial FFA Scholarship – Will be determined after State Degree Check
14. Tractor Tech CDE
15. Date: POSSIBLY JANUARY 22, 2025 ED S WILL CHECK WITH ELBERT AND JOHN DAWLEY.
16. Place: Navarro College John Deere Center
17. Time: Draw and viewing of tractor at 7 a.m. with contest starting at 8 a.m.
18. Coordinator: – Elbert Butler
19. Entry Fee: $40.00 per team and $10.00 per Alternate
20. Ag. Applied Engineering CDE

A. Place: MARK V IS GOING TO CHECK WITH MARC NOLAN ON DATE AND LOCATION. HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL HAS OFFERED TO HOST IF NEEDED.

B. Date: APRIL 2, 2025 IS CORRESPONDING DATE.

C. Times:

1. Officer Testing/Interviewing, LSF check, and Scholarship applicants interviews at MCC – Waco

A. Date: APRIL 28TH IS CORRESPONDING DATE  
 B. Place: MCC  
 C. Time: TBD

D. CORY S MOVED AND TAMMY C SECONDED THE MOTION TO MOVE TO THE ONLINE

CHECKING SYSTEM FOR LSF APPLICATIONS. EACH DISTRICT WOULD PROVIDE TWO PEOPLE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROCESS.

##### Other Business: Area and District Policies

DISCUSSION WAS HELD OVER THE NEED TO RANK THE PROFICIENCIES JUST AS THEY DO AT STATE AND NATIONAL. JENNIFER K MOVED AND RON S SECONDED THE MOTION TO USE A GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE RANKING FOR PROFICIENCIES AT AREA CONVENTION. MOTION PASSED.

BETH Z PRESENTED THE AREA LEVEL OUTSTANDING CDE MEMBERS. HER AND SHANE WHIGINTON WILL COME UP WITH PLANS FOR ALL AREA TEAM AND MOST VALUABLE JUDGER. HAVING A COMMITTEE TO SCORE THE APPLICATIONS AND PRESENT THE WINNERS WITH AN AWARD AT THE AREA CONVENTION. THEY WILL PRESENT THIS PLAN AT AG. TEACHERS’ CONFERENCE.

RON S MOVED AND BETH Z SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 AM.

**After the meeting Jennifer Kolar reported back that they could host Area LDE’s at Hillsboro High School on Friday, November 22. 2024.**

**Also, Ron Snyder reported back that he had visited with Joshua High School and they can host the Area Convention on Monday, May 5, 2025.**