The FFA Executive Meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. on October 4th, 2017. Dalton Larson, State FFA President, presided the meeting.

**Roll Call:**

* D1: Mr. Adam Frankins, D1 president
* D2: Caroline Blasford-alternate
* D3:
* D4: TJ Bigge
* D5: Tristin Schofield
* D6: Mrs. Noelle Swanson
* D7: Mrs. Linda Peterson, Blair Lambers
* Others: Jaclynn Knutson

Minutes of last meeting were sent out to all board members by email. Mr. Swanson moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Blairs Lambers, District 7. Motion passes.

**Financial Report:**

Ms. Mayrose gave the financial report:

The Association checking account currently has $155,489.86. The investment account has $550,656.26 with an estimated annual income is $13,022.16.

Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve the financial report. Mrs. Nelson 2nd it, motion passed.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to transfer $15,000.00 from the association checking account to the association investment account. Discussion was held. The association account balance had gotten increased due to National Convention, registration, and etc. and funds needed to be transferred to the investment account. Mrs. Nelson 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**Reports from District Officer:**

D1- \_District 1 President\_ said their district fundraised $300 for Alex’s lemonade stand.

D2- Caroline Blasford said they are busy fundraising by selling fruit.

D3- Mrs. Swanson mentioned members are preparing for their district officer meeting this coming January.

D5- Tristian Schofield said they are practicing land judging and participated at the State Fair.

D7- Mrs. Peterson also said they are busy with land judging and had a good time at State Fair.

**Leadership Retreat:**

Clayton Sorum gave a report on the two Leadership Retreats held this past summer. There is a possibility of adding a second west river camp next year.

**State President’s Conference:**

Dalton Larson reported about the State President’s Conference. President, Dalton Larson and Vice President, Clayton Sorum went to Washington D.C. Larson stated that Sorum is on the committee for an agricultural education career development event. Larson is on the committee for accommodating students with special needs. Committee assignments have not been made yet for other State Officers.

**DakotaFest:**

Avery Gilchrist reported about DakotaFest. The State FFA Officers manned a booth to meet with producers and connect w/sponsors. We also collected names for people interested to be on a list to help with statewide volunteer database, such as CDE events and etc.

**State Fair:**

Elle Moon gave a report on the State Fair. There were numerous hands-on learning experiences and daily activities that took place.

**State Fair Livestock Show:**

Mr. VanderWal gave insight to the FFA Livestock Shows. Both market sheep and market goats has increased and grown in numbers. Looking to possibly run both breeding and market sheep at same time in future due to length and participants who showed both at the same time.

**Chapter Visits Report:**

April Hamilton reported that the State FFA Officers are busy doing chapter visits. The officers also send an evaluation link to the teachers after their visit.

**National Convention Report:**

Avery stated how many South Dakotans are participating at the National Convention. Alison Simon is the National Candidate. There are 4 in National Band, 2 in National Choir, 2 National Proficiency Finalists, 20 Agriscience Fair National Finalists, and 38 American Degree Recipients.

**State LDE Report:**

Clayton discussed the dates for State Leadership, it is to take place December 3 &4th in Pierre. The chairs are still being finalized.

November 17th: State Leadership information needs to be uploaded to the state office.

Mayrose advised that members are to upload their final project to a link sent to them by Mayrose. The state judges will then have time to review the submitted information. Members are to bring hard copies with them to State Leadership.

November 19th: State Leadership Registration is due to the state office.

**Legislative Breakfast/DO Training:**

Elle Moon gave a report that the Legislative Breakfast/District Officer Training will take place on January 17-18th in Pierre. Also, to make sure names and email addresses are correct when you submit your new district officers to the state.

**CDE Committee Recommendations:**

Dalton gave a summary about committee recommendations. Mr. Swanson moved to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Peterson 2nd, motion passes.

**New Business:**

Jaclynn Knutson, an intern with the FFA Alumni Association, asked for input from other ag teachers. The alumni hope to restructure the alumni and wants opinions and feedback for the moving forward of the alumni. Discussion was held about local alumni chapters. Advisors reported on their alumni chapter’s successes and issues.

Discussion was held about the code of conduct on tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and vaping.

A motion was made to add e-cigarette and personalized vaping to line B of the code of conduct. The motion was 2nd by Tristin Schofield and passed.

**Reminders:**

None

Mrs. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Swanson 2nd. Motion passes.

The Executive FFA Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m. on October 4, 2017.