



**FFA Adult Board of Directors  
Minutes  
June 19, 2022**

**Call to Order: Kristann Mattes**

**1. Roll Call – Rodriguez (Action)**

Mattes	Rocca	Rodriguez	Meredith	Cummings	Mendes	Debarnardi
Noga	Vasquez	Brown	Vanbavel	Hively	Williams	Donovan
Bretz	Mooney	Parker	Ray	Moffatt	Patton	Maberto
Allen Kennedy						

**2. Approval of May 11, 2022 Minuets – Mattes (Action)**

Moved by Hively, Seconded by Vasquez. Passed

**3. Review/Approval of 2021-22 CA FFA State Budget - Patton (Report/Action)**

Budget reviewed \$447,504.62 actual. Mostly due to the reduction of COVID Testing.

Patton shared: This savings in COVID testing must be articulated to membership

Discussion

Donovan: Shared that membership would want to know where the surplus would go.

Patton: Shared that there are ideas of passing the surplus back to the membership in some way over the next three years. Rocca and Donovan suggested several ideas on how this could happen including a Delegate rebate program. Parker and Williams suggested that policy be developed for use of budget surplus. Patton also shared that Audio Video equipment costs were cut because of the Golden One Center set-up. Noggga asked how

well Ontario is set up. Patton and Hively shared that it is similar but not as good as Golden One.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget from John Williams. Seconded by Jason Bretz

Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Parker Abstained.

#### **4. Presentation/Adoption of 2022-23 CA FFA Proposed State Budget – Patton (Action)**

Patton and Maberto shared two versions of the proposed budget. The first version was based on the traditional format. The second included a new category for a Leadership staff vehicle purchase maintenance and insurance. In both versions, there was an increase in costs for all leadership conferences. Patton and Maberto developed the increase in costs based on the actuals from 2021-to 2022 and added 10% to those costs. Parker brought up the need to create a policy manual with Patton and Brown's help that will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting. John Williams asked Patton for the plan to budget for vehicle replacement. Patton shared that it would be considered a capital cost and have its own budget area. Patton shared that due diligence will be used to find the best deal on the van as well. Many others in attendance gave suggestions on size and locations to purchase. Parker and Patton shared that the van will be for the leadership staff (Tim Brown and Jasmine Flores) to use when moving state officers in order to reduce the use of state officer vehicles and the liability associated with that and the time in the van to continue team building. Rodriguez suggested the 15-passenger van with the two staff obtaining the Class B license to operate. Patton shared that there Brown requested an increase of \$12,000 total in the new budget in lodging increase it from \$6,000 to \$18,000. Patton shared the two reasons for the increase. 1) Staying at a member's home required the state officers to be on duty from 6 am until 2 am in some instances with little downtime. 2) There have been some issues with the safety of some of the homes in which the state officers have been housed and this will help remedy this.

Moved by Hively to approve the proposed budget with lodging increase and the leadership staff van.

The motion was seconded by Vasquez.

Passed unanimously

#### **5. Presentation/Adoption of 2022-23 Regional CA FFA Budgets -Maberto (Action) a.**

- Superior
- b. North Coast
- c. Central
- d. San Joaquin
- e. South Coast
- f. Southern

Motion to Approve: Williams.

Second: Rocca

Vote: Passed unanimous

#### **6. Update/Authorization Live-Light vs CA FFA mediation 9-7-22 Patton (Report/Action)**

Patton shared that we will be entering mediation with Live-Light 9-7-22. He asked the group if there was a dollar amount it would entertain to settle this legal issue. He reminded us of the \$300,000 that had been budgeted for legal fees. He reminded us that \$50,000 of this has already been used on legal fees. Nogga voiced concern Live-Light's claim. Rocca wanted

clarification of mediation versus arbitration. Mediation is non-binding for the most part. John Williams asked if our counsel had a recommendation on a dollar amount to settle at. Allen Kennedy suggested we ask our counsel about recommending a dollar amount and estimating how much Live-Light may have in legal fees and if they feel they are wanting to continue. His experience is that the opposition's counsel may feel that they can't win and will settle for legal costs.

Motion: Jason Bretz to allow Matt Patton to negotiate up to \$250,000 to settle the lawsuit.

Second: Steve Rocca

Friendly Amendment: Kennedy, with final approval by the board chairperson. Accepted by Bretz and Rocca.

Further discussion by Kristi Hill, to clear up how much we had already spent out of the budgeted \$300,000. Already spent \$50,000 and had \$50,000 in proposed budget. This only left \$200,000 to work with.

Motion: Bretz to allow Matt Patton to negotiate up to \$200,000 to settle the lawsuit with final approval by the board chair.

Second: Rocca

Friendly Amendment: Kennedy to exclude legal fees.

Motion: The board allows Matt Patton to negotiate up to \$200,000 to settle the lawsuit excluding legal fees with final approval by the board chairperson.

Second: Rocca

Vote: Unanimously passed.

## **7. Possible FFA Adult Board Member Exits**

*Terms expiring – June 19 to June 22*

Randy Mendes – North Coast Region

Tim Brown – Superior Region

Troy Van Bavel – Southern Region

John Williams – San Joaquin Region

Sam Meredith – Central Region

Nicole Ray – CATA Rep

*Retiring*

Tom Vazquez – Superior Region: Confirmed Retiring

Tim Hively - Southern Region: Confirmed Retiring

*Changing Jobs*

Samuel Rodriguez – Community College Rep: Moving to teacher educator

Nicole Ray-Moving to teacher Educator

*Vacant Position*

Agricultural Advisory Committee Rep: Allen Kennedy

## **8. Next scheduled Meeting – Mattes (Report) September 19, 2022 at the FFA Center in**

Galt

**9. Adjournment – *Mattes (Action)***