



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Shiflet Hall Conference Room

June 23, 2023– 10:30 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Love, Board Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. WELCOME GUESTS and MEDIA

Mr. Love, Vice Board Chair, introduced guests, Mr. Lyle Fulmer and Ms. Lindsey Hodges.

III. INVOCATION

Edgar Lamb, a member of the Board, gave the invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

Mr. Keown conducted the roll call. In attendance were Edgar Lamb, Tom Love, Craig Kesler, Ron Davis, Gary Coleman, and Owen Smith.

A quorum was declared.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Kesler made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

VI. APPROVAL OF 3.3.23 MINUTES

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kesler seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Keown provided an update to the Board of Trustees.

The South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture celebrated the second class of graduates. The 2023 class of twenty-six graduates were awarded over half a million dollars in scholarships. We now have a total of 47 graduates. Students finished up the year with several awards and honors. The SC Governor's School was awarded state champions in envirothon and state champions in the forestry CDE. Jahira Freeman, a sophomore, was awarded state champion in creed speaking. Lyle Fulmer, a junior, was



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awarded state champion in prepared speaking. At this time, Lyle gave his prepared speech to the Board of Trustees.

Two weeks ago, the budget was adopted for the agency. The agency will have a 1.5 million recurring budget, a 2.1 non-recurring budget for De la Howe Hall and, 1.3 non-recurring for the ag shop. Clemson University has offered for our campus to become the new host site for the Heritage Corridor Museum. The current plan is to use the dairy barn for this project. The Department of Agriculture has raised \$58,000 in honor of Martin Eubanks to create the Eubanks Memorial. The Eubanks Memorial will give our students the opportunity to participate in produce research.

Dr. Keown created a strategic planning committee to help create one-, five-, and ten-year goals. Dr. Keown would like to add two new pathways to our school curriculum culinary and tourism, and ag communications. Currently, in South Carolina, there is not an ag communications pathway. We have been chosen as the pilot program for the ag communications pathway. The SC Governor's School will represent South Carolina at the national level.

Department of Agriculture has been awarded seventy million to make meat processors across South Carolina. This would be an incredible tool to brand and market our products. In five to ten years, the agency would like a covered arena and an event center on the lake. Arbor One has committed to become a donor to our Foundation.

Mr. Davis congratulated Dr. Keown on his completion of his doctorate from Clemson University.

VIII. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board members received departmental reports from the school prior to the scheduled June meeting. They took this time to discuss any questions or concerns they had from the written reports.

Education Center-Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller provided the Board of Trustees with an update on community outreach. Mrs. Kaycee Keasler has taken a job with Clemson University. Dr. Keown has recently moved admissions, enrollment, and outreach into a singular department. Michael Murphy has stepped in temporarily and has done a fantastic job. Currently, we have forty-six returning students, twenty-two accepted students, and six students in review with a target goal of ninety students. Currently, the admissions department has two positions open. The



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department needs a full-time recruiter and the coordinator of admissions and enrollment. Five summer camps have been completed and the Farm Bureau leadership camp starts on Sunday. The Education Center served over one hundred eighty students in June.

Foundation- Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith provided the Board of Trustees an update regarding the John de la Howe School Foundation. AgFirst has donated \$25,000. The Connors family had a student graduate from the first ever class of the SC Governor's School and have donated a forty-five thousand dollar needs based scholarship. The Foundation has managed thirty-four thousand dollars in scholarships, and they will be awarded once students finalize college selections. Coach Cann and Mr. Morton will host a fundraiser through the Foundation. The fundraiser will be a clay shoot followed by a dinner and an auction. The fundraiser will take place on August 26, 2023. Our campus will be a host site for the 2024 Art and Ag tour.

Thomas Kaminer, Budget Director, Office of Administrative Services briefed the Board of Trustees with a presentation regarding budget.

Facilities and Maintenance- Mr. Mims

Mr. Mims provided an update surrounding maintenance and facilities. The elevator is in, and it is certified. The emergency generator installation is currently underway. The alternate water supply is now operating. Margret Jordan will be retiring in July and will be starting part-time in August. Trails for the hiking and equine center are in the final stages. As for the Education center, it will take fifty thousand to renovate the kitchen. McCall Thomas Architects have completed the design portion of the project of the power pole replacements. Currently, we have received zero bids. Margret is trying to call and help us out, but we are doing all we can do. There are three residential halls out for bid and one residential house. Only one person showed up and had never done a construction job. They asked for 1.1 million. We will send it out to bid again in August.

Farm- Eric McCall

Mr. McCall gave an update regarding the farm. The farm has planted Roundup Ready corn. The farm has also planted sunflowers. Both have been fertilized and sprayed. A successful crop of piglets has grown to the target



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weight. They have been marketed and sold. The process of weaning calves from both herds has begun. Improvements continue on multiple facilities including roof repairs and water line installations. Many repairs have been made to equipment and routine maintenance scheduled. Student involvement is increasing in farm operations. The farm department is working towards a collaboration with Precision Ag where we would track individuals in real time as they ride trails. Collaborative planning on Eubanks farm has begun and sweet corn is being grown currently. Repairs are needed to be made to the greenhouse. The steer weight is currently behind the targeted goal.

Mr. McCall proposed to clearcut select areas and thin adjacent areas. Mr. McCall proposed land to be cleared, stamped, and put back into cropland pastures. There are fifty-five acres in proposed management.

Votes

Mr. Davis made the motion to accept Real World 101 and 102. Mr. Kesler seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Coleman made the motion to accept Aggiership I and Aggiership II. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Kesler made the motion to approve the foreign exchange student policy. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Davis made the motion to begin the process of marketing timber from selected tracts. The goal of harvesting is to both clear land for pasture / crop land expansion and to thin adjacent stands from a 110 basal area to a 65 basal area for the improvement of stand health and the promotion of upland habitat. All proceeds will be used in accordance of Dr. De la Howe. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Davis made the motion to enter executive session. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion to enter executive session. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to enter executive session at 12:21 P.M.



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Mr. Lamb made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to exit executive session at 1:18 P.M.

X. REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken during executive session.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Friday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

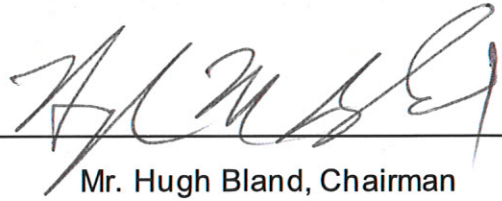
Mr. Davis made the motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Lamb seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:19 P.M.



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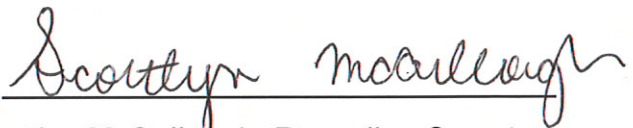
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Date Approved by Board of Trustees



Mr. Hugh Bland, Chairman

Vacant, Secretary



Scottlyn McCullough, Recording Secretary