

**National FFA Foundation  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Alexandria, Virginia  
Saturday, January 22, 2005  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Doug DeVries, 2006 Foundation Chair, Sr. Vice President, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois  
Steven Frazee, Teacher Educator, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas  
Tyler Grandil, Executive Secretary, Phoenix, Arizona  
Lee James, Teacher, Weir, Mississippi  
Paul Larson, Teacher, Appleton, Wisconsin  
Jackie Mundt, National FFA President, Pittsville, Wisconsin  
Dale Gruis, Supervisor, Des Moines, Iowa  
Buddy Deimler, Supervisor, Salt Lake City, Utah  
James Woodard, Supervisor, Atlanta, Georgia  
Larry Case, National FFA Advisor, Coordinator, Ag & Rural Education, USDE, Washington, DC  
Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Sec., Education Program Specialist, USDE, Washington, DC  
Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer, Supervisor of Ag Education, Little Rock, Arkansas  
Steve Harbstreit, Teacher Educator, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
Linda A. Rist, Teacher, Hartford, South Dakota

**Unable to Attend:**

Dwight Armstrong, 2005 Sponsors' Board Chair, President and CEO, North American Nutrition Companies, Inc., Lewisburg, Ohio  
Stacy Gartin, Teacher Educator, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Jim Ertl, State FFA Executive Secretary, Roseville, Minnesota  
Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education, Trenton, New Jersey

**Others Present:**

Doug Loudenslager, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization & National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Kent Schescke, Director, Business and Partner Development Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Anna Melodia, Division Director, Education Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Bill Stagg, Division Director, Information Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Tom Kapostasy, Division Director, Business Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Jay Jackman, NAAE Executive Director, Lexington, Kentucky  
Ellen Williams, Executive Assistant, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Call To Order:**

Trustee President, Larry Case, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Doug DeVries of Deere and Company was connected by phone. All members introduced themselves and the chair welcomed the trustees on a very snowy day in the Washington, DC area.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Rist, seconded by Steve Harbstreet and carried to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 27, 2004 in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Seating of New Members**

President Case declared DeVries, Frazee, James, Larson and Mundt duly seated on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Un-audited End of Year Financial Report:**

Treasurer Fletcher reviewed in brief and then related that the completed audit would be available for trustee action in July.

**Investment Results:**

The treasurer provided the trustees an update on The Foundation investments and indicated a successful year with more details to come to the trustees in July

**MOTION:** Moved by Jackie Mundt, seconded by Lee James and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

**Recommendations from the FFA Board for Trustee Action:**

1. Funding for the enhancement and expansion of FFA Live! Broadcast on RFD-TV at the 78<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention, October 2005.

**MOTION:** Moved by Marion Fletcher, seconded by Steve Harbstreet and carried to authorize the FFA Foundation Staff to pursue \$50,000 special project funding for this project.

2. Funding for live web cast coverage of the 78<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in 2005.

**MOTION:** Moved by Steve Frazee, seconded by Coleman Harris and carried to authorize the FFA Foundation Staff to pursue \$35,000 special project funding for this project.

3. New Farmers of America Historical Preservation Project.

**MOTION:** Moved by Paul Larson, seconded by Tyler Grandil and carried to authorize FFA Foundation Staff to search out special project funding for this project,

which will be approximately \$276,000 over a three-year period. Note: 2005 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of FFA and NFA.

4. The FFA jacket program for chapters in low-income areas was discussed. This program was approved by the FFA Board. Foundation funding has already been approved by the trustees. No further action is necessary.

**Report of the 2005 Chairman of The FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board:**

Doug DeVries indicated that Chairman Armstrong was unable to be on the call due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. DeVries on behalf of our 2005 chair reported that Chairman Armstrong and the 2005 Sponsors' Board had established a fundraising goal of ten million dollars for calendar year 2005. Mr. DeVries further related that the Sponsors' Board would be meeting next week in Orlando, Florida to further develop plans for the year. Doug further related in part his plan for individual giving by relating that eight Foundation Sponsors' Board Members had committed \$1000 each for the 2005 campaign and that his goal was to have 100 - \$1,000 individual investors in the FFA Foundation in 2005.

**Comments by President Jackie Mundt:**

President Jackie thanked Mr. DeVries, Dr. Armstrong and all of the Sponsors' Board for their very dedicated work in funding programs and activities for FFA members.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jackie Mundt, seconded by Lee James and carried to accept the report from the chair of the sponsors' board.

**Recommendations from the Sponsors' Board:**

No recommendation at this time.

**Funding Reports from Related Groups:**

No requests at this trustee meeting from The Council, NAAE or PAS.

**Report of National FFA Foundation Office:**

Kent Schescke briefly explained changes and updates regarding the handling and accounting of Foundation funds at the FFA Center. He further related that the on line giving has started and will be fully operational in the near future. Actions requested are as follows:

Appoint Foundation Audit Committee Members for 2005 –

**MOTION:** Moved by Steve Harbseit, seconded by Dale Gruis and carried to establish an annual Foundation Audit Committee comprised of the National FFA Advisor, National FFA Treasurer, sitting Chairperson of the National FFA Foundation's Sponsors' Board, Chairperson elect of the National FFA Foundation's Sponsors' Board and the National FFA President. The sitting Chairperson of the National FFA Foundation's Sponsors' Board will serve as Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Create Audit Committee to serve the Board of Trustees –

**MOTION:** Moved by Paul Larson, seconded by Buddy Deimler and carried to approve the attached audit committee charter, which states the purpose, structure, financial expertise, requirements, meetings, authority and responsibilities of this committee. (*Attachment #1*)

**Presentation and Adoption of the 2005 Budget:**

Marion Fletcher explained and reviewed key points. Kent Schescke related that administrative and fund raising cost is projected at 21.5% (above the desired maximum level of 20%). Computer upgrade is a major factor.

**MOITON:** Moved by Marion Fletcher, seconded by Lee James and carried to approve the 2005 budget (*Attachment #2*)

**Election of Executive Committee and Vice President of the Trustees for 2005:**

Those on the Executive Committee because of positions on the trustees are:

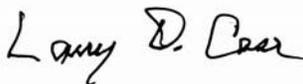
Jackie Mundt  
Dwight Armstrong  
Marion Fletcher  
Larry Case  
Coleman Harris

Elected to serve in 2005 are:

Supervisor, Dale Gruis  
Teacher Educator, Steve Frazee  
Executive Secretary, Tyler Grandil  
Vice President of Trustees, Dale Gruis

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Tyler Grandil, seconded by Paul Larson and carried to adjourn.



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Larry D. Case



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C. Coleman Harris

