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## **Governing Board/Advisory Council Minutes**

**April 9th, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Alexander, Chair; Cindy Vance, Secretary, Alan Webb, Marc Moran, Kate Hawkins, Ed McCann, Darryl Holland, Jennifer Armstrong, LaVeta Nutter, Alison Jones, Andy Seibel, Katherine Carter, Phillip McCroskey, Blair Hoffman, Cole Ramsey, Cindy Green, Mary Hardesty, Sherry Heishman, Casey Davis, David Richmond, Stuart Byrd, Teresa Lindberg, Jennie Simmons, Russell Jennings, Dr. Cathy Sutphin

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the April 3, 2020 minutes were reviewed.  
Motion to approve minutes – Teresa Lindberg  
Second – Cindy Green  
Minutes approved

**YOUTH LIVESTOCK:** Katherine Carter, Youth Livestock Specialist, gave an update on the various terminal youth livestock shows. Most areas are going to a virtual format. Summer livestock events/contests - plans are being made to hold them virtually. Updates will be provided as they develop.

**FFA FOUNDATION:** Jennifer Armstrong talked about the Gala that was to take place at convention. There is a possibility of holding it in the fall as a celebration for this school year. The group discussed possible dates and weighed participation from schools.

**STATE FFA CONVENTION:** An announcement came out earlier in the week from VA Tech canceling all on-campus activities for the summer. The choices remaining for state convention include: a virtual convention or an in-person event held off campus at a later time.

Andy has been researching the costs of renting equipment, etc. for a virtual event. Once equipment is secured, remaining challenges include, not being able to get together with the state officers because of the ban on groups of larger than 10 people being able to assemble, and finding a location and venue to begin filming.

The group discussed possible options for CDE/LDEs. To hold virtual events, 2-3 days of preparation would be needed for each event. Assistance from all teachers would be needed, if we decided to move forward with the virtual format. Should we offer select CDE/LDEs? Virtual event disadvantages identified included, the lack of availability of internet for all members, and some school divisions are banning students from using zoom.

Approved on April 17, 2020

After a lengthy discussion, the group asked Andy, Alison and Jennifer to explore all options available and report back with pertinent information.

A decision will be made by May 1.

**VAAE AWARDS:** Encourage teachers (especially young/new) to apply for VAAE awards.

***We will continue to meet virtually on a weekly basis. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.***

**Meeting adjourned: 10:38 a.m.**