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## Governing Board/Advisory Council Minutes

**March 27, 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, Philip McCroskey, Blair Hoffman, Cole Ramsey, Cindy Green, Mary Hardesty, Sherry Heishman, Casey Davis, Stuart Byrd, Teresa Lindberg, Jennie Simmons, Russell Jennings.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 16 and March 20 minutes were reviewed. Correction to the October-16 minutes - LaVeta's name is misspelled.  
Motion to approve minutes - Teresa Lindberg  
Second - Russell Jennings  
Minutes approved

**COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON AG ED AND FFA:** At this time, we do not know the impact that the virus will have on the State Convention. Andy has been meeting daily with other state staff to see how they are handling their conventions. No decision has been made at this point for Virginia FFA. We are still looking at our three possible options:

- 1) Hold as scheduled - Uncertainty as to when localities are allowed to travel.
- 2) Virtual - Judging Card allows for integrity of events, but challenge is to make access equitable for everyone. Limited staff provides logistical challenges. How would sessions be aired? How could you charge for viewing to recoup cost when we would need to use streaming such as Facebook Live?
- 3) Postponing and holding convention at a later date - perhaps during Agriculture Teacher's Conference week, or a condensed/scaled down version during a weekend in the fall.

A decision will be made by May 1.

With convention fee of \$85 per person, the Association would be losing approximately \$75k in operating funds for next year if in-person convention is not held.

**STATE OFFICER INTERVIEWS:** Possibility of holding state officer interviews virtually. Discussion on changes to application.

Motion made to make April 1 the deadline for any changes to state officer candidate application.  
Motion - Darryl Holland  
Second - Ed McCann  
Motion passed

*Passed at the April 3, 2021 meeting*

**PLANT SALES:** Many schools are unsure as to how to handle spring plant sales. Decisions have not been made or expressed to teachers locally. GA uses an app that allows for online selection and scheduled pick-ups.

Cindy Green has a letter she sent to local businesses to purchase plants. Copy is included in minutes.

**AWARD APPLICATIONS:** It was decided at the last meeting that the Chapter awards and Proficiency application deadline be moved to May 15. Andy would like to have an April 15 deadline for State Degrees so that they can get printed. He has sent out to teachers a list of those students that have started the application. Consensus was to have all State Degree Applications due April 15.

**SCHOOLS AND GRADING/COMPLETING END OF YEAR:** Discussion was held regarding local plans for the remainder of the school year. Several localities seem to have differing plans (materials provided, grades, etc.) moving forward. Many companies and organizations are providing free subscriptions and materials for teachers to use. Contact the state office if there is something needed.

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

***We will continue to meet on a weekly virtual basis. Next meeting Friday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.***

**Meeting adjourned: 10:18 a.m.**

*Passed at the April 3, 2021 meeting*

Lee-Davis High School Horticulture 7052 Mechanicsville Turnpike Mechanicsville, VA 23111

March 25, 2020

Dear <insert company name here>,

We are writing to you a letter requesting your support for the Lee-Davis Horticulture Annual Spring Plant Sale. As you are already aware, Governor Ralph Northam closed schools in Virginia for the remainder of the year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This has had an impact on our Annual Spring Plant Sale scheduled to begin on May 6, 2020. Currently the Hanover County Schools' Administration is considering the possibility of permitting its horticulture programs to conduct plant sales provided the plant sales are in full compliance with COVID-19 safety procedures and protocols. The intent of this letter is an attempt to ascertain the possibility of your company purchasing our plant stock at cost for your business to mark-up and sell.

If your company is willing to purchase our plant stock, we will contact your business to arrange for a pick-up date and time. At that time, we will inventory and invoice plant stock purchased. We are able to accept payment in the form of cash or check at the time of purchase.

We deeply appreciate your time and consideration. Please respond by phone or email if your business is interested in assisting the Lee-Davis Horticulture program. We can be reached at 804-723-2245 or by email at, [cgreen@hcps.us](mailto:cgreen@hcps.us).

Sincerely,

Cindy Green Lee-Davis High School Agriculture Teacher

*Passed at the April 3, 2021 meeting*