

District Advisor Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014  
State FFA Horse Judging Contest, MTSU Miller Coliseum

Present:

Chairman/Regional Advisor/Dav-Will: Jessie Lumpkins  
MTAP Treasurer: Michelle Page  
Middle TN TAAE Rep: Danielle Johnson  
Mid-State: Emily Marshall  
Cordell Hull: Jason Bradshaw  
District X: Christy Brown, Secretary  
Highland Rim: Jackie Vester  
Bluegrass: Lane Worley  
Lower Cumberland: Joe Greene  
Crimson Clover: Jason Walker  
Parks: Mike Akridge

Absent:

State Board of Directors: Brian Lewis  
Allie Ellis, State Consultant  
Muscle Shoals: Tanner Barksdale  
Red River: Will Elliott  
Upper Cumberland: Jason Coons

---

Meeting called to order 2:15

Minutes Approved from the July 7, 2014 Meeting.

Michelle Page gave a Treasurer's Report

- Dues have been paid, and money associated Greenhand Conference is still yet to be finalized

Jesse Lumpkins updated on the Regional Officers

- They recently had an Urban Agriculture Retreat.
- They are a very efficient group
- They had the opportunity to work with the Farm to Fork organization and they are getting more experience because there are no State Officers in Middle TN.

New Business

Emily Marshall discussed that because no State Officers are going to school in Middle TN. The State dept of Edu is only paying the State Officers mileage from their home to the chapter they are visiting. It was discussed that the cost should be covered from their respective Universities. Chapters should consider helping with the this cost until the state decides to help the State Officers with this expense.

#### Danielle Johnson TAAE Update

TAAE will be planning and holding their own Summer Conference this year. It will be held at MTSU and will be and there will be many teacher led and teacher friendly workshops, a social, and the annual banquet. There will also be a tour of Middle TN Agribusinesses.

Follow TAAE on Facebook and Twitter

Regional Consultant Positions - Much success has been had at the Farm Bureau Policy Development Meetings across the state. Keep Positive Chapter Activity in the newspaper, on social media, and in the public eye. These positions are looking like a reality.

It is the hope of TAAE that the Regional Consultant Positions will be controlled and funded by the Department of Agriculture. The position would require RCs to plan and coordinate activities both inside and outside the classroom. These positions would greatly apply the three circle model to agriculture education in the state and provide more opportunities for students and support to ag teachers.

#### New Business

##### Ag Mechanics -

Emily Marshall made a motion which stated, a committee of 12 will be formed at summer conference to re-evaluate the regional agriculture mechanics/skills CDE. The committee will self elect a chair and give the chair power to act. This committee will meet annually at the TAAE Conference or as necessary. The motion was passed with a vote of 10 to 1.

#### MTAP/ Dues

The position of the MTAP Treasurer was discussed, but it was decided that the committee would refer to the By-Laws. If there are further questions in regards to the position of treasurer or the purpose of the MTAP then the By-Laws should be used as a reference.

The Food Science and Technology contest will be added to the MT Awards Points Sheet.

Officer were elected.

Jessie Lumpkins was re-elected as chair by acclamation.

Christy Brown was re-elected as secretary by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:42 PM