

**Michigan FFA Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 23, 2017**

**4:00 PM State Officer Meeting – 001 Natural Resources**

**5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting – 001 Natural Resources**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting – 001 Natural Resources**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM on Thursday, March 23, 2017 by John Williams, the State Vice-President. Members and guests that were present: All of the 2016-2017 Michigan FFA State Officer Team with the exception of Loren King, and Jose Cervantes Jr. David Mellor, Torey Birchmeier, Tate Forbush, Aaron McKim, Henry Reinart, Katie Holt, Kevin Nugent, Mark Daniels, Doug Pennington, Kate Thiel, Mike Wenkel, Holly Tait, Eric Moser, Leyna Miller, Dave Wyrick, and Mark Forbush.
  
- II. Opening Ceremonies – State Officers
  
- III. Secretary’s Report – Austin Haywood,
  - A. December Minutes were presented.
    - a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept the December Minutes as presented. Second by Dave Mellor. Motion Passed.
    - b. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain. Second by Josephine Forbush. Motion sustained.
  
- IV. Treasures Report – Claire Laurenz
  - A. The Michigan FFA Association’s Annual account as of March 23, 2017 equals \$170,494.83 and there is \$167,156.64 in the contingency fund. There is also \$100,000.00 in outstanding bills from State Convention.
    - a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept. Seconded by Doug Pennington . Motion Passed.
    - b. Courtney Wangler moved to sustain. Seconded by Hailey Andres. Motion sustained.
  
- V. Michigan FFA Association-
  - A. State Officer Report- John Williams
    1. State Convention review
    2. Banquet Season upcoming

- 3. Ag Skills Contest coming up
- B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
  - a. Regions to review district layouts
  - b. Appointments for meeting with Mr. Forbush available
  - c. Change in 61C funding
- C. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
  - i. Maders fund is doing well and more donations needed
  - ii. Thank you from Matt VanAker
  - iii. Officers in Oregon, ag day at the capitol
  - iv. Still in need of a tractor driving host
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Henry Reinart
  - a. Annual meeting went well
  - b. Renamed hall of fame award to the Floyd Beneker award
  - c. Next ear meeting will be in Springport
  - d. Affiliate membership going well
- VII. Past State Officer – Kate Thiel
  - a. PSO group sold out of t-shirts at convention
  - b. PSO did a great job on social media during State Convention
- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Cassy Puskala
  - a. VIP Social went well
  - b. Working on support for ag skills,
  - c. Next foundation board meeting April 25
  - d. Golf outing June 29
  - e. Toy tractor at mi livestock expo
  - f. 5k fork on august
  - g. Metter endowment now up to \$91,000
- IX. Call to the Public
  - a. none
- X. Standing committee reports
  - a. Visions and Special Topics(320 B Natural Resources) – Tate Forbush
    - i. none
  - b. Awards and Activities (320 A Natural Resources) – Dave Mellor
    - i. Growing Our Communities from Syngenta
  - c. Career Development Event (130 Natural Resources) – Leyna Miller
    - i. Job Interview changes
  - d. State officer policy committee (225 Natural Resources) – Doug Pennington
    - i. none
  - e. Governing Committee (225 Natural Resources) – Torey Birchmeier
    - i. none
- XI. Old Business



*Austin Haywood*

Michigan FFA State Secretary