

The Monday meeting of the West TN Ag Teachers was held at 4pm on July 10, 2023 in Mirabella A/B at the Embassy Suites with the chairman, Jerry Johnson, in the chair and the secretary being present.

Minutes of June 21, 2023 meeting were read and approved with corrections. The treasurers report was given, reporting a balance of \$104, 758.95 as of 5/3/2023. Mr Fair also presented a budget for the 2023-2024 school year. The reports were filed.

Old Business

The motion laid on the table from the 6/21/23 meeting was brought back for discussion. Michael Stanford moved to postpone the motion until the Wednesday meeting so that JJ could email more details about the school breakdowns. Motion passed.

New Business

The newest TDOE member, Stuart Watson, was welcomed by the group and as the Senior FFA Coordinator, Mr Watson told the group of his new responsibilities.

At the Wednesday meeting the following positions will be elected:

- WTAP District Advisors for Districts 4 and 6
- WTAP Treasurer and Chairman
- TN FFA Board of Directors: 1 Two-year term and 1 One-year term
- TAAE Board of Directors positions for Districts 2 and 6

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

The second meeting of the West TN Ag Teachers at TAAE Conference was held at 9:40am in Oakleigh A of the Embassy Suites with Jerry Johnson presiding as Chair and the secretary being present.

Announcements:

All teachers introduced themselves and were urged to join the Remind messages for West TN (@westtnffa) and TN FFA (@tnffa). In addition, a reminder was given that by August 15th, all rules for the 2023-2024 school year would be uploaded onto westtnffa.ffanow.org. Chairmen were urged to look at their rules to update them and send updates to Mr Eason, especially for the new middle school rules.

A test email was sent out for the West TN listserv and anyone not getting the email was urged to contact Ryan Inman to get added onto the email chain.

State Winner Prep Day: September 28 or 29 at Ellington Agricultural Center. More information to come.

A reminder that 8 Middle School only contests will be held in 2023-2024 school year with plaques for the top 2 chapters as a test run for future years. These contests are Land Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Horse Judging, FFA Ceremonies, Creed, Skills, Poultry and Forestry.

Old Business:

The postponed motion was brought back for discussion after all teachers had the opportunity to read the emailed proposals of options. Discussion was brisk. Richie Ruhl moved to postpone the motion indefinitely. Motion passed.

New Business:

Haley Williams moved to accept Jeremy Fair as the WTAP Treasurer for a two year term. Motion passed.

Nominations were opened for the TN FFA Board of Directors positions. Dakota Brasher was nominated for the 2 year term and Jeremy Fair for the 1 year term. Ann Johnson moved to accept by acclamation. Motion passed.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

The WTAP District Advisors met immediately after the general meeting to elect a new chairman. New District advisors are Cambridge Martin in District 4 and Richie Ruhl in District 6. Jonathan Holden nominated Jeffrey Sartain (District 5) to be the new chairman. No other nominations were made so the motion was made to accept Mr Sartain by acclamation. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Moss, WTAP Secretary