District Realignment Committee Meeting

September 13, 2016

RMB Regional Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order by Area X President Fernando Rodriguez at 9:15 a.m. Welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for participating in this process. Roll call by districts was conducted. All districts represented by 2 members.

Realignment timeline- (see attachment) Timeline is flexible. If process can be completed by December 31. We can have board of directors approve on January 9 meeting. Timeline established by Area Coordinators at Ag Teachers Conference in Corpus. Today’s decision will not be set in concrete. Recommendations can be fluid based on public input.

Jerome – How do we want to approach this, base it on membership, delegates, competition, or travel?

Brett – Need to keep in mind that we need to do what’s best for the students.

Different proposals were presented.

Mr. Harris – Can this be done without going to seven districts? Consensus from the group was that seven districts would be the way to go.

Raymond Ramirez – Brought forth discussion of conducting voting at district and area with one or two votes to make it more equitable.

Motion from Jim Harris to move forward with 7 districts, 2nd by Benny Garza. Motion carries unanimously.

Most of the proposals brought forth were based on 7 districts, so just need to fine tune district lines.

Benny discussed the two proposals regarding the RGV District into two districts. Most of the discussion was whether or not to split school districts.

Small groups broke out to discuss options.

Lunch

Proposals from the small groups was presented.

Much discussion on the proposal regarding the 4 northern districts. The 3 south districts were good as previously discussed.

Motion to accept Area X District Realignment Proposal made by Raymond Ramirez, 2nd by Benny Garza; motion carries unanimously.

Public comment period will be 60 days for the Realignment Proposal. Proposal will be finalized at the Area X LDE’s on November 24.

Bret Wright moved to recommend to the Area that each chapter would be granted 2 voting delegates; 2nd by Raymond R. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond made the motion to adjourn at 2:40, 2nd by Marco B. Motion carried.