

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on March 26th, 2026, in Hoover 2055. President Lainey DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

There were 66 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the February meeting were briefed by Chelsea Holland. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Everett Carlson announced the current balance available is \$87,026.84. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Cale Kirstein and Elias Fulkerson announced the 63rd Cyclone Stampede Rodeo. Opening round is on Friday, March 27th at 7pm. Second round is Saturday, March 28th at 10m, and the Championship round is Saturday, March 28th at 7pm. Students get in free!
- **Reporters:** Follow the Ag Bus Club on Instagram!
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Erik Steen and Callie Huber asked for recommendations for future food at the meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Stay tuned for updates later in the year.
- **Banquet:** Meeting will be occurring soon to discuss homecoming tailgate and next year's banquet. Keep an eye out!
- **CALS Career Day:** Announced the Career Day and Mixer sub-committee members. Career Day will be Breeze Bunker, Keegan Bailey, Lilliana Sinclair, and Logan Brand. Mixer will be Madisyn Henderson, Paige Mehmen, Charlie Lane, Gage Konz, Morgan Schoof, and Blake Jacquet.
- **New Member Engagement:** Stay tuned for updates later in the year.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Spring roadside clean-up will be Tuesday, April 21st at 4:15 pm. Casey's pizza will be provided!
- **Professional Meetings:** Stay tuned for updates later in the year.
- **Publicity:** Look out for the new displays in Heady Hall. Our new website is currently in the works. Reach out to Eva Beck for ideas for the clothing order.
- **Recruitment and Social:** Congratulations to Clayton Baum, Everett Carlson, and Noah DeSotel for being in the top three for the March Madness Tournament!
- **Sponsor Relations:** The Leadership Dinner will be held on April 22nd with the welcome at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. This event will be open to committee members, chairs, and executive team.
- **Travel:** Fill out the google form to sign up for the industry tour! We will be traveling on Friday, April 24th to Sukup, John Deere, and Hertz. The day will end with mini golf.

Industry Speaker: Mike Hogan, Calcium Products President & CEO

Mike became the President and CEO of Calcium Products in 2013. Prior to this role, he spent 24 years with John Deere holding positions in engineering, operations, and business. Mike most recently led John Deere's North American utility tractor business in Augusta, Georgia. He also spent three years in the Netherlands leading John Deere's European sprayer business and helped secure double-digit growth. Mike is an Iowa native with experience on his family's farm. Mike earned an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 2002 and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University in 1989. Mike and his family live in Ames, Iowa

Meet the Faculty: Dr. Chad Hart, Professor of Economics, Extension Economist & Crop Markets Specialist

Chad Hart was born and raised in southwest Missouri. His parents raised a few cattle and operated a small meat locker. He received a B.S. in economics with minors in mathematics, history, and astronomy from Southwest Missouri State University in 1991. He received a Ph.D. in economics and statistics in 1999 from Iowa State University. Chad became a faculty member at Iowa State in 2008.

Member Recognition

- Member of the Month: Kory Kintzle
- New Member of the Month: Morgan Schoof
- Old Member of the Month: Theo Klaes

Advisor Comments: Amani Elobeid – Industry Advisor

Amani gave advice on being a leader, and how to be a new leader within the club and other organizations on campus. She encouraged us to make positive decisions for the club, even when it isn't the favorable decision. Thank you to Amani for the encouraging and inspiring words!

Drawings:

- Are you here: Drawing will be worth \$150 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Emmet Holschlag won \$50 from the "U". Congratulations!

Announcements:

The Jim Knuth Lessons in Leadership and Life Series is hosting their lecture on April 22nd, 2026 in 2155 Marston Hall. Social will begin at 6:00 pm, and the lecture will begin at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Activities:

- **The Leadership Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, April 14th with a 5:30 pm welcome and 6:00 pm dinner start time.
- **The Jim Knuth Lecture** will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd with a 6:00 pm social and 6:30 pm lecture.
- **April Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 23rd with a 5:30 pm social and 6:00 pm meeting.

President Lainey DeVries adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.