

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

Members Present: Mackenzie Crumbaugh, Jennifer Dickman, Chuck Efaw, Keegan Humm, Matt Jorae, Jason Lombard, Larry Richards, Brent Skinner, Shanna Smith, Martha Stellow, James Weburg, Adam Wood, Raegan Falor

Members Online: Martha Stellow, Brayden Bonga

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Kacie Allen, Joe Bowen, Kristi Davenport, Ashley Foster, Ryan Hutchinson, Kipp Krenz, Kaylee Richards, Jennifer Whitford,

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Election of Officers: Brent reported on approving the agenda. Adam added the Archery Barn to New Business. Chuck moved to approve the amended agenda. Keegan second. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shanna presented the meeting minutes. Chuck moved to accept the minutes. Adam second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Martha presented the financials. Jamie requested to have a monthly check register added to the financial report. Chuck moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jamie second. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- April 11th – Winter Storage Removal
- Hannah will not be present for the scheduled March meeting. Martha moved to hold the March meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm at the fair office. Adam second. Motion carried. Hannah will post notice.

Public Comment:

- Brent reported on changing public comment from 5 minutes per person to 3 minutes. Still allowing 20 minutes total.

4-H Office Update:

- Ashley reported on a Parliamentary Procedure training taking place Jan. 20th. 4-H is looking to host showmanship and fitting clinics in the spring. Ashley is looking to utilize the fairgrounds for this event. She will be in communication about dates.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Schedule Committee** – Draft was presented and discussed. Amended changes included: Sunday July 12th, animals may arrive between 7am-2pm. Cat check in and Cat show will be moved up 1 hour earlier. Saturday July 18th, still exhibit release will be from 7am-9am. Chuck moved to accept the draft schedule with the amended changes. Adam second. Motion carried.
 - **Small Animal Committee** – Martha presented committee report. Chuck moved to accept the pocket pet/companion animal recommendations as written. Matt second. Motion carried.

Upcoming Ground Rentals: 1/18 Lucky Stars 2/22 North Gratiot Livestock

Old Business:

- GCFY Property - No updates.
- MAFE Convention – Reports given from sessions. A great time was had and valuable information learned.
- Dinner Dance –
 - Chuck moved to approve getting a 1-day liquor license for the dinner dance. Adam second. Motion carried.
 - Martha moved to increase the price of the Dinner Dance from \$25-\$30. Jason second. Motion carried.
 - Chuck moved to accept Waylon Hanel as Dinner Dance entertainment at the price of \$3500 or the difference of amount owed and donations. Jamie second. Motion carried.
- Audit – Jason moved to rescind the motion made pertaining to RPC conducting a full audit of GCFY anytime there is new coordination. Keegan second. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Awards for Small Animals – Martha moved to add reserve champions awards for small animals pertaining to record books and skills tests. Keegan second. Motion carried.
- Archery Barn – Adam reported that the archery building would like to have the Merchant's Building sign removed on the barn they are currently utilizing and possibly adding an Archery sign. They will also need a new camera. Quotes requested to be presented.

Adam moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:12pm.

Next meeting – Thursday February 5th, 2026 at 7pm – Bill and Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFY Secretary