

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 3rd, 2025
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

Members Present:

Jack Butcher, Chuck Efaw, Becky Hirschman, Matt Jorae, Jason Lombard, Keegan Humm, Kent Humm, Brent Skinner, Martha Stellow, Raegan Falor, Angie Lake and Adam Wood

Members Remote: Shannah Smith

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Leann, Larry Richards and Kipp Krenz

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

Secretary's Report: Shanna presented the meeting minutes. Martha moved to accept the secretary's report. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Martha presented on the financials. Martha discussed the rate sheet she passed out. Matt made a motion to transfer \$100,000 to Commercial Bank's CDARS account. Kent seconded. Motion carried. Adam moved to accept the treasurer's report. Keegan seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- Camping Deadline – First one has come and gone so Hannah is working on following up on those that haven't turned anything in.
- Dinner Dance – Great event and ended up doing well on the bottom line.
- Venmo/PayPal – Looking to have as another option for payment. We need a PayPal account first to have a Venmo account. Martha made a motion to allow the Venmo and PayPal accounts with a fee percentage added to cover our costs associated. Jack seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Reports:

- 4-H & 4-H Council – Leaders Council would like to serve breakfast in the Food Booth again. Martha made a motion to allow them to serve breakfast as long as it's okay with Block House and Leaders Council gets their own food license. Angie seconded. Motion carried.
- Horse Developmental – Coggins Clinic on April 5th. Horse camp is in May and they're meeting on April 7th.
- Large Livestock – No Report.
- FFA – No Report.
- Vendor Committee – As a committee they recommend charging the Food Booth and the vendor by the Covered Arena \$1,000 each and the other food vendors \$350. Adam moved to accept. Keegan seconded. Motion carried.
- Small Animal – Have not met but planning to in May. Jen Richardson is resigning after the 2025 fair. Martha would like to get the position posted now.

- Building and Grounds – Chuck presented report. The committee recommends hiring The Tech Lab to work on our speakers and getting sound out to the campground. Asking for \$5,000 pre-approval. Martha moved to approve \$5,000 pre-approval for speaker work. Kent seconded. Motion carried. The committee is also asking for \$650 max for mulch. Adam moved to accept \$650 for mulch and Jack seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming Grounds Rentals:

- 4/7 Horse Developmental 4-H Meeting
- 4/16-19 Gratiot Conservation Tree Sale—Barn L
- 4/27 Kountry Kids 4-H Meeting
- 5/1 Project Red
- 5/2 Somethin' Special 4-H Meeting
- 5/8-9 Gratiot/Isabella RESD Field Day
- 5/9 Gratiot/Isabella RESD Staff Picnic
- 5/9-10 Horse Camp

Old Business:

- Food Booth – Jason has met with Nick Lux again and still in forward motion.
- Dinner Dance – Hannah is going to book for next year at PINS. Same time frame.
- Appreciation Awards – Board got ballots and they were turned back in to Hannah.
- Winter Storage Removal – Saturday, April 12th starting at 8:00 a.m.

New Business:

- Radio Advertising – Chuck made a motion to spend \$500 for radio advertising this year. Jack seconded. Motion carried.
- Still Exhibit Process – An addendum will be added in the Fair Book on the last page.
- Saturday Parking – No parking group needed this year with no major event going on.
- Board Member Polos – None are needed.
- Credit Card for Sales – Chuck made a motion that the sale table collect credit card info at buyer check in and have a 30-day grace period. After that the credit card on file will be ran and a 4% card fee added. Adam seconded. Motion carried.
- Show and Go – Leaving as fair book reads.
- Other – Martha discussed the mechanical bull and if we should charge per ride and then give the money back to somewhere in the community. The board suggested a donation box.

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next meeting – May 1, 2025 at 7pm – Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFY Secretary