

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7th, 2026
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

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

Members Absent: Brent Skinner, Adam Wood

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Becky Hirschman

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

Matt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Martha second. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Martha presented the financials. Shanna moved to accept the treasurer's report. Larry second. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- Currently at 352 exhibitors
- Pocket Pet deadline has passed with few entries. Martha moved to extend the Pocket Pet Deadline to June 5th. Shanna second. Motion carried.
- Washouts in Driveway from rain. Larry moved to have Joe Butcher grade the roads and add gravel as needed. Jason second. Motion carried.
- Discussion on appropriate place for certain categories to register.
- Fair books were printed and given to all Board Members.

Public Comment:

- Becky reported Horse Camp is this weekend. She has 41 exhibitors signed up and it is the highest number to date.

4-H Office Update:

- Ashley Foster asked Hannah to give her report. Ashley inquired about the cleaning of the food booth. Jason will reach out to Nick regarding the matter.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards Committee:** Jennifer presented the updated awards list with budget. Larry moved to spend up to an additional \$1500 on awards. Shanna second. Motion carried. Martha against.
- **Building and Grounds** – Chuck reported that the deck is done. There is damage to the bathroom enclosure and boards in the arena that are needing to be replaced.

Upcoming Ground Rentals:

5/7-5/8 Gratiot-Isabella RESD Field Day
5/15 Project RED

5/8/5/10 Horse Camp and 4-H Horse Show
5/9 Arcada Township Trash Day

5/12 4-H Rabbit Clinic
5/15-5/16 VFW Bowfishing Tournament
5/20 4-H Beef & Feeder Clinic

5/14 4-H Poultry Clinic
5/16 4-H Sheep & Goat Clinic

Old Business:

- **Winter Storage Removal** – A trailer nose was damaged on a 5th wheel. Martha received quotes to replace. Jason moved for Martha to contact the owner and make an offer of \$300 for the damage with a maximum amount of \$500. Martha second. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **4-H/FFA Member or Open Exhibitors** – Jennifer asked questions regarding responsibilities of open exhibitors compared to those belonging to a club.
- **Appreciation Awards** – Email Hannah nominations by June 4th at Noon for business and individual awards.
- **Fair Prep – Day Chair and Barn Week Parking** – Martha listed items needed for the fair. Day Chairs and Barn Representatives assigned. See attached document.
- **Board and Individual Photos:** Will try again next month
- **AED Pads:** Our current pads are now expired. Hannah investigated the cost of replacing them. Chuck will check with police department and other agencies.

Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Keegan second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Next meeting – Thursday June 4th, 2026, at 7pm – Bill and Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCCFFY Secretary

Day Chair Days

Saturday: ALL

Sunday: ALL

Monday: Brent and Jennifer

Tuesday: Shanna and Mackenzie

Wednesday: Martha and Chuck

Thursday: Larry and Keegan

Friday: Adam and Matt

Saturday: Jason and Jamie

Sunday: ALL

Barn Assignments

Barn A&B: Still Exhibit: Adam

Barn C: Archery: Jamie

Barn E: Beef: Larry & Matt

Barn I: Goat & Dairy: Mackenzie

Barn J: Feeder: Jennifer & Matt

Barn K & N: Horse: Martha

Barn L: Swine: Shanna

Barn O: Small Animal: Jason

Barn Q: Sheep: Keegan

Floater: Brent & Chuck

