

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2nd, 2026
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

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

Absent: Shanna Smith

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves, Izzy Humm & Pazlee Donovan

Guests: Ashley Foster, Heather Wood, Jody Monk, Jill Rose, Ryan Hutchinson, Frankie Herkner & Jake Herkner

Brent called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Chuck made a motion to add Intern Report to agenda. Martha seconded. Larry made a motion to amend the agenda. Jason seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Fair Office Report:

- Hannah reported that the last and final deadline has come and gone for fair. The finishing touches are being done to get ready for fair week.

Public Comment:

- Jody Monk's daughter, Allie, has a pig that got sick. Clinton Vet has been out and they have provided a note with the issues written out. Jason made a motion for Allie Monk to do showmanship only with one of Jill Rose's kid's pigs. Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

4-H Office Update: Ashley reported that Leader's Council will be doing breakfast Tuesday through Saturday of the fair. Cloverbud Day is Wednesday, July 8th. Then there will be ice cream social at her campsite Monday during fair.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards Committee:** Jennifer went over a break out of numbers for awards.
- **Building and Grounds:** Chuck presented a report on tasks completed recently as well as upcoming items that need to be worked on.
- **Vendor Committee:** Ellen's isn't bringing anything.
- **Upcoming Ground Rentals:**
7/8 – Cloverbud Day

Old Business:

- **Fair Prep: Day Chairs & Barns**
- **Photos: Board (Opening Ceremonies)**
- **Archery:** They wanted a camera last meeting. Camera has arrived and is installed. They would like a second large TV. They have the funds, good to buy.
- **Emergency Management Meeting:** Was June 10th and there was good attendance.
- **Times To Remember:** Keep handy during fair week.
- **Fair Clean Up Dates:** July 6th and July 8th
- **Fair Clean Up & Set Up Tasks:** Will assign to barn then fair office for additional tasks.

New Business:

- **Day Chair Responsibilities**
- **Food Booth:** Have not received anything yet. Still not clean either.
- **Water Refill Trailer:** Mobile Water Systems reached out and wants to bring their filtered, fresh water trailer to setup for fair week. They need power and a water source but no cost to us.
- **Rural Urban:** Jennifer reported her observations from the event and Jamie mentioned the fair gets nothing from it.
- **Cattle Gates:** Darren Fish would like to use them for the VFW car show August 15th. Larry made a motion that Darren can borrow the gates for the car show. Jamie second. Motion carried.

Adam moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, August 6th, 2026, at 7pm – Bill and Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Reeves

GCFFY Fair Coordinator