

Gratiot County Fair for Youth  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 8, 2022  
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Becky Hirschman, Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Taylor Gager, Josh Hitsman, Erin Humm, Darcy Martyn, Lindsey Austin, Adam Wood, Ben Cary

Guest: Laurie Gager, Robin Lohrer, Stacy Woggon

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting. Larry moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Josh seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through July 31, 2022. Larry made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Jason seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- Letter from Caroline DeGraaf – Erin will pen a response to Caroline.
- Cary's letter regarding the sawdust donation and their check
- Jessica Truax letter of resignation from Queen Court Superintendent.
- Erin presented a letter from an insurance agency regarding an active shooter insurance policy.

Public Comment: NA

4-H Report:

- Program year begins in September
- Spin Club event happening in October
- National 4-H week is in October
- Leader's Council is working on the awards banquet to be held on October 23

FFA report: Ben said they are working on Speak Ag Program this month is ORV Safety. National Convention is October 27-30

Horse developmental: No formal meeting.

Large Animal Committee: They are meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6 pm

Small animal Committee: NA

Buildings and Grounds:

- Barn C-E roofs will be completed soon
- Small Animal Barn updates will be completed this fall.

Special events committee- Youth Deer Fest will be held on September 11, 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fair Review
  - State Vet visit – it would be helpful to have a list of expectations from the state vet
  - We review the sheet of suggestions and changes needed for September. (see attached sheet)

- The board voted for Lindsey to approach the couple about fundraising for the archery dept. They will bring back another plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Camping Committee – they met before the board meeting and have some changes to bring to the board next month.
- Building Updates – the updates that grants were written for are going to be finished this fall. Erin suggested that we begin searching for grants for a chance to update the bathhouse or build a new bathhouse. She will begin to search and if anyone else hears of anything then let Erin know about it.
- Willie's Weiner Wagon isn't sure about coming back next year but they would like to with some additional help.
- Erin updated the board on the mistake that was made with UPI and payments. She made an error and UPI sent checks to add-on bidders. Erin will make sure that the original buyer gets the full market value with checks written to them.

Brent moved to adjourn. Lindsey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

The next meeting will be October 6, 2022 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman  
GCFFY Secretary