

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 1, 2025
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

Members Present: Chuck Efaw, Becky Hirschman, Matt Jorae, Angie Lake, Jason Lombard, Keegan Humm, Kent Humm, Brent Skinner, Shanna Smith, Martha Stellow, Adam Wood, Raegan Falor, Andrew Lombard

Members Remote: Jack Butcher

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Kelly Becker, Larry Richards, Greg Wolfe and Sheila Zacharko

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

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

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

Fair Office Report:

- Block House fundraiser – Hannah reported on donation.
- Burford's has started unwinterizing the grounds.
- Late Hours for Office Entry – No participation so late hours will be cancelled unless need arises.

Public Comment:

- Sheila presented event information for the Alma Elks to potentially host the Fair Dinner Dance for 2026
- Kelly Becker inquired on if the Elks could borrow the gates again on August 16th. We need to figure out a price and contract.

Committee Reports:

- 4-H & 4-H Council – Kelly reported that a new 4-H Coordinator, Ashley Foster, has been hired. 16 4-H Seniors will be receiving their cords for graduation. The 4-H exchange club will be hosting Kentucky this year.
- Horse Developmental – Becky reported a successful Coggins clinic and is gearing up for 40 kids at Horse Camp.
- Large Livestock – No Report.
- FFA – Raegan reported that Plant Sales will be starting soon for Alma, Breckenridge and Ithaca.
- Small Animal – No Report.

- Building and Grounds – Chuck presented report. Chuck moved to hire MJC Electric to replace sheep barn lights for \$3675 and camper plugs for \$870. Kent second. Motion carried.
- Vendor Committee – Suggested to add Vendor Committee to committee reports.

Upcoming Ground Rentals:

5/8-5/9 – RESD Field Day

5/9-5/11 – Horse Camp

6/7 Open House – Barn L

Old Business:

- Food Booth – Jason has been in contact with Nick and Block House is a go for 2025.

New Business:

- Upcoming Fair Events – Hannah created Facebook events and asked Board Members to share.
- Emergency Management Meeting Date – Hannah will set up and time to meet.
- GCCF Grants – Deadline June 1st. Chuck made a motion to apply for \$3600 from the George & Linda Weburg Fund designation at the GCCF towards the bleacher project. Kent second. Motion carried.
- After Fair Clean Up – Hannah asked Board when the best time to have an after fair clean up would be. Board agreed that Sunday at the conclusion of the fair would be ideal.
- Day Chair Sign Up
- Barn Sign Up
- Chairs for Conference Room – Martha presented new conference chairs found on Amazon. Chuck moved to order a 5 pack and return if they are not what we want. Greg Wolfe stated that he had resources he may be able to help with our search that may be more reliable than Amazon. Chuck amended motion to table until next month when more research can be done. Kent second. Motion carried.

Adam moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason second. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next meeting – June 5th, 2025 at 7pm – Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFFY Secretary