

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 9th, 2025
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

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

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Ashley Foster and Leann Grace

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:40pm once everyone arrived from Fair Clean Up.

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

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

Fair Office Report:

- Parking days are all covered
- Speakers should be good to go
- We received a grant from Channeling Good that was presented tonight.

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Reports:

- 4-H & 4-H Council – Ashley Foster reported a great time and turn out at Clover Climber camp. The food booth inspection is underway. Ashley inquired about the 4-H flag.
- Horse Developmental – Meet prior to this meeting and are looking forward to a great fair week.
- Large Livestock – No Report.
- FFA – No Report
- Small Animal – No Report.
- Building and Grounds –
 - Chuck reported that electrical projects were finished today.
- Vendor Committee – Chuck reported vendors will be in by 5pm on 7/10. Food trucks may come in on 7/11.

Upcoming Ground Rentals:

None

Old Business:

- Emergency Management Meeting: Went well. Board discussed procedures for specific situations.
- Board Photo: Postponed
- GCFY Property: No report and has not moved forward yet.

New Business:

- Insurance Coverage: Hannah and Brent explained the changes in insurance policies for each building.
- Still Exhibit: Exhibitor must be present to sell.
- Ice Cream: Shanna presented that Central Ag Seeds (Brent Bebow) would like to sponsor a free ice cream time each day Monday-Thursday. He has already contacted Michelle with North Gratiot Livestock about partnering up for this time. Asking help from Fair Office to play an ice cream truck sound over the PA at specific times each day for kids to come get free ice cream.
- UPI – Sheep and Goats – Hannah spoke with Justin Taylor from UPI. He stated that sheep are better off going straight to Manchester instead of being sold in St Louis. Shanna spoke with Justin and he will line up trucking for us from UPI St Louis to Manchester. Becky moved that the GCFFY pays for the trucking of animals to Manchester. Adam second. Motion carried.
- Other – Matt has inquired on what time trailers can start parking over north of the beef barn and feeder barn. It was determined after animal check in. Matt also mentioned there was stuff in the NE corner of the beef barn that needed cleaned out.

Adam moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck second. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFFY Secretary