

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 6th, 2025
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

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

Members Virtual: Jack Butcher

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Angela Aubin, Jami Bebow, Monica Bebow, Kelly Becker, Breann Bonga, Brock Bonga, Joe Bowen, Kristi Davenport, Lydia Daenport, Jennifer Dickman, Ashley Foster, Leann Grace, Cheryl Gibson, Erica Grover, Aiden Jorae, Sarah Jorae, Kipp Krenz, Larry Richards, Adam Ryder, Nicole Vanderploeg, Franja Vanloon, Jamie Vanloon, Frank Welling, Eli Whitford, Eric Whitford, Henry Whitford, Jennifer Whitford, Bryce Wood, Evan Wood, Heather Wood.

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. Chuck moved to accept the treasurer's report. Kent second. Motion carried. Martha discussed moving money from money market in a CDAR account for 6 months due to interest gained. Chuck moved to have \$100,000 moved from the Money Market account into a CDAR at Commercial Bank. Adam second. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- Donkey Bash reached out and stated they would like to start the event at 7pm. Chuck moved that the donkey bash either starts by 5pm or not at all. Adam second. Motion carried.
- January's meeting will fall on Jan 1st. MAFE will be Jan 8th-10th. Shanna moved to schedule meeting for January 8th. Martha stated sessions will be starting that evening. Shanna retracts motion. Chuck moved to cancel the January meeting. Matt second. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- The following participated in public comment: Eli Whitford, Kipp Krenz, Joe Bowen, Sarah Jorae, Angela Aubin, Breann Bonga, Erica Grover, Jami Bebow, Frank Welling, Evan Wood, Jami Van Loon and Adam Ryder

Committee Reports:

- 4-H & 4-H Council –Ashley Foster spoke on upcoming events. 4-H Frenzy was a hit. Kelly Becker reported the 4-H banquet was great.
- Horse Developmental – No report.
- FFA – No report.
- Building and Grounds – Chuck reported that recent work has been completed and that the grounds have been winterized. He presented recommendations for new projects. Chuck

made a motion to hire Mills Construction for work on the deck and Freed Construction for work on bathrooms. Martha second. Motion carried.

Upcoming Ground Rentals: None

Old Business:

- GCFY Property
- Winter Storage – October 18th
- MAFE Convention & Scholarships
- Winter Storage Price
- Chuck moved to allow a rotating large livestock sale order apart from swine. Matt second. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Superintendent Positions: Brent reported recommendations from Superintendent committee. Chuck moved to accept Kacie Allen as the next Beef superintendent and Julie Becker and Shayla Jolliff as the next Swine co-superintendents. Shanna second. Motion carried.
- Open Board Seat and Teen Rep: Martha moved to approve Brayden Bonga as our teen representative. Chuck second. Motion carried. Adam moved to appoint Jamie Weburg to the open fair board position. Matt second. Motion carried.
- Camping Season
- Posting Meeting Minutes
- Other: Adam moved to reverse the schedule change back to the 2025 schedule. Shanna second. Votes cast. Kent called Division of House. 6 in favor, Becky, Kent, Keegan, Jason, Martha, Raegan and Andrew against.

Chuck moved to adjourn. Kent seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting – December 4th, 2025 at 7pm (concluding Annual Meeting at 6pm) – Thompson Home Public Library - Basement

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFY Secretary

Edited by Hannah Reeves