

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9th, 2026
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office, Alma, Michigan

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

Members Absent: Adam Wood

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Ashley Foster, Julie Becker, Kelly Becker, Becky Hirschman

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

Martha asked to add Fair Week Parking to New Business. Jason moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition to New Business. Chuck second. Motion carried.

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

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

Fair Office Report:

- All Fair Entry classes are open.
- Working on camping waitlist.

Public Comment:

- Becky reported 24 horses are expected at the Coggin's clinic she is hosting on Saturday. May 8-10 will be Horse Camp and shows.

4-H Office Update:

- Ashley reported that workshops are booming. About 360 youth, and 17 clubs signed up. The beef/dairy feeder clinic date is being moved, and a bowling event is coming soon.
- Kelly reported that 4-H Council will host breakfast Tuesday – Saturday during the week of the fair due to the schedule changes.

Committee Reports:

- **Building and Grounds** – Chuck reported that the deck is almost done. We are over budget due to additional replacements needed and labor. The water will be turned on April 14th. Martha asked about the PA system. He will be contacted soon.
- **Property Committee** – Brent reported that the committee met. They are planning to research deeds and will work on writing a proposal to present.

Upcoming Ground Rentals:

5/7-5/8 Gratiot-Isabella RESD Field Day

5/8/5/10 Horse Camp and 4-H Horse Show

5/9 Arcada Township Trash Day

Old Business:

- **Dinner Dance** – A very successful and fun evening. Hannah reported on financials from the event. Youth for Christ has been booked for March 20th, 2027.
 - Jamie moved to give YFC an additional \$500. Jason second. Motion carried.
 - Martha moved to book Waylon Hanel for the event next year. Shanna second. Motion carried.
- **Winter Storage Removal** – Date changed due to poor weather conditions. Removal will take place April 23rd – April 25th.
- **Zone 4 Spring MAFE Meeting – April 23rd at 6:30pm in Midland** – Let Hannah know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

New Business:

- **Fair Camping Late Fee and Site Opportunity** – Chuck moved that anyone who has not paid by April 10th, 2026 loses their site. After this year anyone who misses the March 31st or posted deadline will lose their site as well. Larry second. Motion carried.
- **TV's for Rural Urban Day** – The Rural Urban Day committee asked to use our TV's to share a slide show for the 50th anniversary. If they purchase the mounts and wires needed, we will hang them and allow them to be used.
- **Fair Week Parking** – Martha moved to charge for parking starting on Monday at 9am thru Saturday. Larry second. Motion carried.

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:59pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCCFY Secretary