

Minutes of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Meeting

The Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Meeting was called to order on 5/20/2026, at 07:10PM by President Mike Wilcox.

Attendance

☒ Jill Sasse	☒ Justice Currie	☒ Rod Christen	☒ Evan Christen
☒ Mike Wilcox	☒ Morgann Friedly	☐ Vacant	☒ Luke Hunzeker
☒ Mary Gottula	☒ Tucker Sporhase	☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant

Others Present

☒ Mary Moser-Extension Educator	☒ Jason Vetrovsky-Extension Office Manager
☒ Colter Steinacher	☒ Cashton Steinacher
☒ Bryleigh Crouse	☒ Logan Barr
☒ Deb Wilcox	

AGENDA

Motion by Jill Sasse, second by Tucker Sporhase to approve Secretary's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jill Sasse, second by Evan Christen to approve Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ag Society Report during the meeting in April the Ag Society approved \$400 for curtains to be placed on the east side of the Leon J. Bohm Livestock Show Arena. The curtain will be weighed with grommets hooked on a cable between the poles so that it can be removed after the fair to last longer. During the May meeting the Ag Society voted to change the tractor pull from 2pm on Saturday to 5pm because several community/businesses complained it would interfere with 4-H Shows and events. There was discussion about beef tie outs south of the beef barn and rabbit/poultry barn. They will use continuous panels with gates. Andy Farwell was able to secure funds from the DuBois Foundation to purchase a canopy that will shade between the beef barn and the arena. It was confirmed that the power and water was turned on in the barns for when concrete in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn gets poured. Details were provided on the Cookie Contest, and that Mary & Jason will have a workshop for youth participants to get ready. Justice Currie was named the 2026 Pawnee County Fair Queen.

Foundation Awards Discussion was had around the names for awards this year. Names thrown out for FRIEND OF 4-H were: Farmers Cooperative, Union Bank and Trust – Pawnee City Branch, Farm Credit Services of America, Tecumseh Poultry, Binder Brothers, Table Rock Fire Department, Pawnee City Fire Department and Plum Creek Farms. It was agreed upon that the following three would be on the ballot: Farmers Cooperative, Farm Credit Services of America and Plum Creek Farms. Those remaining will be considered next year. Names thrown out for JUNIOR LEADER were Payton Heideman, Bryleigh Crouse

and Adelyn Sisco. All three of these individuals will be included on this years ballot. Individuals nominated for 4-H ALUMNI were Christine Seematter, Dana Meybrunn and Beckie Robeson. Each of these three ladies will be included in the ballot. Lastley, for our 4-H VOLUNTEER award, nominations included: Anne Veleba, Sydney Hunzeker, Angela Sholty, Erin Plager, and Tracie Wehrbein. It was decided that Sydney Hunzeker, Erin Plager and Tracie Wehrbein would be the nominations this year. Jason Vetrovsky agreed to send out a form for families to vote and have the awards ready for presenting at the fair.

Arena Fan Update Logan Barr attended the meeting and discussed the fan project. It was mentioned that the prices have gone up slightly since the last report and an the new cost of fans would be \$1149 per fan and \$585 for the controller (up to 8 fans) roughly \$6200 before installing them. There is roughly a 20 day lead time for the fans to show up. Dustin Seematter is working on a Pioneer Grant to help with this project. There was a motion made by Mary Gottula, seconded by Justice Currie to approve the purchase of 4 fans, a controller and instillation. Motion was carried unanimously.

Poultry/Rabbit Barn Concrete We will need to take 4” of dirt/sand out of the areas we are wanting to lay concrete. We will need to lay #4 rebar 2ft on center tied with chair rockers laid before concrete. We will need to pull out the footings that are there from the old building.

PASE Contest Youth and Mary will be leaving Wednesday afternoon with 3 Seniors, 1 Intermediate and 2 Juniors participating. The group will be attending a Salt Dogs Baseball Game on Wednesday evening with contests starting Thursday. Thursday will be animal welfare and skillathon. Friday will be livestock judging.

Showmanship Prizes Different options were discussed for showmanship prizes this year. Youth leaders decided that they wanted to have banners this year. They will match the banners already agreed upon previously just for showmanship. Motion by Jill Sasse and second by Justice Currie to allow Jason to order and pay for Banners. Motion was carried unanimously.

Best in Barn Awards it was decided to order Iron Cutouts off Etsy for best in barn. Jason and Mary will get these ordered.

Sound System Project we had grant funds left over from the original project and will utilize these funds to put speakers in the beef barn, poultry/rabbit barn and horse barn. Unsure if the cables will be overhead or trenched. This will be discussed closer to insolation.

Show Photographer Motion by Jill Sasse and Seconded by Rod Christen to hire Eliza Christopher again to do photography for the shows. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Activities Scheduled activities will be posted on our Facebook page as well as blasts on 4-H online.

Next meeting will be JUNE 15, 2026, at 07:00PM.

Motion by Jill Sasse, second by Morgann Friedly To adjourn Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 08:22PM