

**Saline County 4-H Council  
Minutes  
January 27, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Theresa Vernon. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

**Members in attendance:** Theresa Vernon, Monica Zoubek, Shedera Gropp, Cindy Brandt, Laura Sysel, Becky Vales, Katie Zoubek, Kelsey Zoubek, Lena Gropp, Dani Meade, Brielle Meade and office staff Riana Grotelueschen and Taylor Tyser.

Cindy Brandt made a motion to accept new 4-H Council Members, Dani and Brielle Meade. Katie Zoubek seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Dani and Brielle Meade were added as new council members.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes from the December 7th meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Kelsey Zoubek made a motion to approve the minutes. Monica Zoubek seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Financial Report** - Cindy Brandt provided the Treasurer's Report. \$140 in petty cash was deposited to the account. \$165 in checks were paid. There was a discussion about Crete Cheer's outstanding debts to the 4-H Council. They still need to pay rental fees from their use of the food stand (\$200 to Ag Soc.) and its contents (\$200 to 4-H Council), nor have they repaid the 4-H Council for settling their outstanding bill with Pepsi. Theresa has talked to the Crete High Athletic and Activities Director. She will follow up with him again. Once the rental and Pepsi bills are settled, the 4-H Council will offer the rental to Crete Cheer with a May 1st deadline for the rental agreement. If they agree to rent, the contract will be updated to reflect a new payment deadline and the possibility of a deposit and/or late fees. If Crete Cheer does not wish to rent the building and contents, 4-H Council will open it to other parties. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Becky Vales. Cindy Brandt seconded.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**4-H Administrative Aide** - Taylor Tyser introduced herself as the new 4-H Administrative Aide.

**Lottery Pig** - A sign up for Lottery Pigs was included in the January 4-H newsletter. Pigs will be provided by Baade Genetics at \$250 per pig. Sign Up Deadline is January 31st.

**Club of the Year** - Riana reported that all clubs turned in their year-end reports. In the future, clubs that meet the State 4-H Requirements will receive a certificate as a Club in good standing.

**New Club** - Riana shared that there is a new club open to members. Briaana and Jed Sand have started the Grit & Growth 4-H Club.

**County Fair Theme** - Dealing Out Success. Riana is working on finding businesses or individuals willing to sponsor t-shirts for all enrolled 4-H and FFA members participating in the County Fair.

**Volunteer Orientation** - 4-H On-line and the University websites have been updated. New volunteers, or those needing to renew their background checks will notice some changes in the process on 4-H On-line.

**Scholarships** - Applications for Senior Scholarship applicants are available on the Saline County Extension website. Deadline is March 6th. The Council will meet on Sunday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m. for a meeting and to review any applications received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fair Book & Changes** - Riana reported that the Ag Society has approved their section of the Fair Book. She is making changes to the schedule and any approved project changes that came out of the Advisory meetings.

**County Fair t-shirts** - Riana shared t-shirt prices with the Council for the County Fair Exhibitor shirts. Heath Sports offers Gildan tees for \$5.87. There are around 200 exhibitors that will receive complimentary shirts. Extras will/can be ordered for families who would like to order and pay for additional shirts.

**Items in Storage** - Riana reported that there are several items stored at the jail (Extension Office Storage Space) that may be used for Judge's gifts, raffle prizes or volunteer gifts.

**Foundation Funds** - A 4-H member has requested payment for their 4-H funds. Riana suggested in addition to this 4-Her, we pay out any remaining funds to the respective 4-Hers with money in the Junior Leader Fund. Riana would send out 1099s to those with remaining funds. Once the paperwork is returned to the office, the funds will be dispersed. Cindy Brandt made a motion to pay out the remainder of the funds to zero the account. Katie Zoubek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Officer Elections** - Vice President Monica Zoubek asked for nominations for President. Theresa Vernon was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Members present voted to elect Theresa Vernon as President.

President Theresa Vernon called for nominations for Vice President. Monica Zoubek was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Members voted. Monica Zoubek is Vice President.

President Theresa Vernon called for nominations for Treasurer. Cindy Brandt was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees. Members voted. Cindy Brandt was elected Treasurer.

President Theresa Vernon asked for nominations for Secretary. Shedera Gropp was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees. Members voted. Shedera Gropp was elected Secretary.

Lena Gropp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelsey Zoubek seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Shedera Gropp, Secretary