

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for June 22, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Michele Burnham at 8:00 pm

Roll Call Present: Michele Burnham, Heather Mohling, Kiley McCoy, Jamee Bockerman, Paul Bankson, Tamara Ceerle, Terry DeVries, Jennifer Hartman (8:24), Thomas Johnson, Dan Klammer, William Rathje, John Scheideler

Absent: John Copple, Andrea Marker

Junior Leader & Youth Reps Present: Kassie Kimle, Abigail Klatt

Absent: Mikeayla Samuelson

Chamber of Commerce Reps Present:

Absent: Rebekah Martin

Ag Society Reps Present: Patrick Niles

Absent:

Extension Staff Present: Elizabeth Janning, Lynn DeVries, Julie Ochsner,

Absent: Ronald Seymour

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills Presented, Staff Reports

Kiley noted that a check to Andrea Marker for a memorial should be added to bills presented.

Lynn had an update to her staff report and stated that a culinary classroom has been approved to be added to the building.

Kiley McCoy motioned to approve the consent agenda items as received with the additions to bills presented and Lynn DeVries' staff report. Heather Mohling seconded the motion.

Ayes – 12

Nays – 0

Motion carried

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Additions to Agenda:

Halters for goats under New Business

Request for Electric Eye under New Business

Committee Reports

- A. Promotions Committee – Heather reported that the signs are done.
- B. Awards Ad-Hoc Committee – Terry has been in contact with Awards Unlimited in Lincoln about the banners and finalized the banner design. The 92 banners for fair are ready to be proofed and printed.
- C. Ag Society Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 29 with a fairgrounds walk through starting at 6:30.
- D. Livestock Auction Committee – Adams County 4-H Foundation will be taking over ownership of the livestock auction. The Chamber of Commerce will still be supporting the auction also.

Old Business:

- A. Committee Action Items
 - a. Promotion Committee – no action
 - b. Awards Ad-Hoc Committee – no action
 - c. Ag Society Committee – no action
 - d. Livestock Auction Committee – no action
- B. Parade Update – Paul reported that he, Justin and Julie met and the parade is a go! The Stromer Family will be the Grand Marshal. They are still working on all the details, but they will have an announcer, they will be handing out wooden nickels for prizes, and hot dogs will be offered after the parade. They are still looking for volunteers and more float entries. Their next meeting is Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00.
- C. Summer Programming Update – Julie says WOW! Great turnouts for workshops! Great projects! They have added the livestock workshops this year, and have been pleased with those. Jamee reported that the Small Animal Progress Show was a success with 33 kids, 80 rabbits and 10 chickens in attendance. Due to it being the first year, start up costs caused it to run in the red.
 - Will Rathje motioned to use the anonymous donation money to cover the excess expense of the progress show. John Scheideler seconded the motion.
 - Ayes – 12
 - Nays – 0
 - Motion carried
- D. PASE Report – Beth reported that 11 Adams County youth and 11 Webster County youth attended PASE in Lincoln. They were able to participate in lots of different contests, and were excited about it and learned a lot. The kids said it was a great experience and they want to keep practicing!
- E. Lifetime Sports Update – Julie reported that the bowling tournament was held in the middle of June with 8 4-Hers and 7 Clover Kids in attendance.
- F. Plant Science Contest Update – The Tree and Horticulture contest is done with 3 kids competing. The Grass and Weed Contest will be held after the fair.
- G. Council Representatives at the Fair – Julie reviewed council members duties at the fair.
- H. Other – The Rocket Contest was held with 16 participants.

New Business

- A. Fair Entry Enrollment – There are currently 1900 pre-entries for the fair. It was brought to the council's attention that a clover kid and sibling had entered the same animal in the cat and small animal show. Our current rules do not allow that.

Jamee Bockerman motioned to allow a clover kid to show a family member's cat or small animal at the fair beginning with the 2023 Adams County Fair. John Scheideler seconded the motion.

Ayes – 12

Nays – 0

Motion carried

- B. Fair Wrap-Up Survey – Beth handed out the list of post fair questions for the survey. The survey will be emailed out to all participants on August 7, and will take place of the in person post fair meeting.
- C. Request for Electric Eye – Michele reported the Horse Superintendent put in a request to purchase an electric eye for the horse program to use.

John Scheideler motioned to purchase an electric eye for the 4-H Horse Program, up to \$1000. Kiley McCoy seconded the motion.

Ayes – 12

Nays – 0

Motion carried

- D. Goat Show – Jenny stated that the current rules only allow for 4-Hers to show their goats in a neck chain. Other shows allow multiple options, and she would like to see that opportunity added to Adams County.

Jenny Hartman motioned to amend the language in Section K under Goats in the Adams County Fairbook to add: Goats may also be shown in a halter with no prongs effective at the 2023 Adams County Fair. Terry DeVries seconded the motion.

Ayes – 12

Nays – 0

Motion carried

Other Board Reports

Jr. Leaders – No report

Extension Board – Lynn reported that it was approved to take the culinary kitchen proposal to the County Commission Board. Lindsey Garretson will be taking Erika Knott's place.

Ag Society – Patrick Niles reported that there are lots of changes at fairgrounds. The parking lot lights are done. The shop has been moved and the area all cleaned up; the area should be ready for the goat barn at the fair. There will be a chainsaw artist this year. The Fire Marshall has come through and stated that the gas stove and hood are not up to code, and there should

not be any frying in a building without a hood due to fire risk. The final fair walkthrough will be Thursday, June 29 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 by Michele Burnham.

Minutes submitted by Jamee Bockerman