

# 4-H COUNCIL FACT SHEET

September 2021

## Current 4-H Council Members

District		<u>Term Expires in 2021</u>	<u>Term Expires 2022</u>
I	Northeast	JD Keefe	Kyla Olson
II	North Central	Carlie Wells	Holly Bumgarner
III	Northwest	Jen Schmidt	Chad Coleman
IV	East Central	Matt Peterson	Christy Berghorst
V	Central	Kimberly Stump	Chase Christen
VI	West Central	Peter Pelster	Holly Remund
VII	Southeast	Joyce Racicky	Doug Nichols
VIII	South Central	Cliff Bryan	Marla Stallbaumer
IX	Southwest	Jeff Witthuhn	Erin Boldt Reiff

## Youth Representatives

<u>Term Expires 2021</u>	<u>Term Expires in 2022</u>
Isabelle Stallbaumer	Kristen Ogle
Sam Loy	Connor Wells

**Purpose of the Custer County 4-H Council...**to fulfill the mission of the 4-H and youth development education program of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Extension Staff and the Extension Board without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin or handicap.

**Mission...**The mission of 4-H and youth development is to assist youth and volunteer staff, through informal education, to acquire knowledge, develop life skills and values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens.

## Responsibility...

1. Develop the Custer County 4-H/Youth program by:
  - a. Planning the yearly program, including the needs of youth and considering the resources available.
  - b. Implementing the Custer County 4-H/Youth program and Plan of Work by working with the Extension Staff in providing support for planned Custer County 4-H/Youth activities and events.
  - c. Evaluating the progress of the 4-H/Youth program and reporting this progress to the Custer County Extension Board.
2. Promote interest in the Custer County 4-H/Youth program by:
  - a. Planning and promoting activities that will encourage personal, leadership and life skill development.
  - b. Recruiting and securing 4-H leaders, volunteers and members.
  - c. Informing the community and gaining support for the Custer County 4-H/Youth program.
3. Determine and make decisions on 4-H Policy by:
  - a. Recommending policy for the 4-H program when not determined by district, state or national regulations.
  - b. Helping interpret policies in the county.
  - c. Monitoring the 4-H program in regard to existing policies.
4. Secure and manage the private resources available to the 4-H/Youth program by:
  - a. Preparing an annual budget.
  - b. Giving direction to acquiring private funds.
  - c. Approving all expenditures from the Council budget.
  - d. Holding title to any property owned by the Council and providing for management of such property.
5. Serve as a link between the 4-H program and the Extension Board, Agricultural Society and the public.
6. Serve as the 4-H Expansion and Review Committee as required by the Civil Rights Act of 1974, Title VI.
7. Provide a recognition program for volunteers and youth in the 4-H program.

## Duties of the Council Members...

- A. Attend Council meetings and participate in the activities.
- B. Become acquainted with the 4-H and youth programs and plan methods in which 4-H can best serve youth.
- C. Look for communities and groups of individuals not being served. Help establish 4-H with those target groups.
- D. Make contacts with businesses, organizations and individuals on behalf of the 4-H/Youth program.
- E. Attend various 4-H and youth functions to evaluate the benefits and results.
- F. Appoint 4-H program committees and elect committee chairs in November or when needed.
- G. Serve on program committees, work groups or task forces as needed.

**Composition...**The membership shall consist of local volunteer leaders, male and female, adults and youth, sponsors and other community leaders, and school, church and civic officials. Members should have interest in Extension education and youth, and should represent all geographic and economic groups. Membership on the Council shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color or national origin.

**Selection of Council Members...**

- A. Council membership shall be eighteen (18) adults and four (4) youth members.
- B. Youth membership shall be selected at large by a vote at the November meeting, electing 1 boy and 1 girl each year with a total of 4 youth members. They shall be 16 years or older the 1st of January following the election.
- C. For the purpose of selecting members, the county shall be divided into nine (9) districts. North and south, the divisions are between range 19 and 20 and between range 22 and 23. East and west, the divisions are between township 15 and 16 and between township 17 and 18. A woman and man will be elected to represent each district in alternate years. If a district cannot fill a vacancy by ballot printing, the vacancy will be filled by gender with an at-large representative by a nomination from the floor during elections at the 4-H Recognition Night.

**Council Elections...**

- A. Elections shall be held during the 4-H Recognition Night.
- B. All currently enrolled 4-H members, 16 and older, 4-H parents and 4-H volunteers are eligible to vote.
- C. Vacancies may be filled with a simple majority vote of the Council.

**Term of Office...**Term of office will be two years for adults members and two years for youth members. The terms shall be staggered in such a manner that one-half of the membership will be elected each year. Terms will be January 1 through December 31.

**Vacancy...**A vacancy will be declared if a member misses three consecutive meetings without requesting to be excused. Vacancies may be filled with a simple majority vote of the Council.

**Meetings...**

- A. An annual meeting of the Council shall be held the regular January Council meeting.
- B. Meetings of the Council shall be held on the third Monday of every other month, plus a post-fair evaluation meeting.
- C. Special meetings as deemed necessary shall be called by an extension educator or the executive committee.
- D. The regular bi-monthly meetings of the Council shall be to conduct the business of the Council as outlined under Article II of the Constitution. More specifically the meetings shall be to:
  1. Approve, reject, amend or refer back to the committee for further study reports from special or standing committees.
  2. Introduce new ideas with requests for the chair to appoint committees to make further studies and report back their recommendations to the Council.
  3. Evaluate reports of completed activities or programs and make suggestions for improvement.
  4. Provide Council members information concerning the area, district and state Extension programs helpful to them in their efforts to address identified needs.
  5. Approve and disburse money in support of programs supported by the Council.