

4-H Council Minutes – November 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Center on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Council members present:

District 1 - Heidi Ruzicka & Evan Ruzicka (Absent-Marty & Chaney Konopasek)
District 2 - Kelly Hanvey & Matt Fritz (Absent – Cody Hanvey)
District 3 - Todd Sauser, Kurt Ziegler, Glenda Byerly, & Kayla Eisenhauer (Absent-Tyson Sauser & Madie Ziegler)
District 4 - Neil Peed (Absent-Tabatha & Rowdy Nielsen)
District 5 - Jamie Olson & Tatum Olson (Absent-Jeanine Lange)

Also present were Ruth Vonderohe and Jackie Steffen, UNL Extension Educators and Alex Cunningham, Verdigre FFA Advisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited. The meeting was called to order by Jamie Olson, President.

Secretary's Report - Motion by Kurt to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2017 meeting as presented. Glenda seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Kurt presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$4,485.85 as of October 31, 2017. Motion by Todd and seconded by Matt to approve. Motion carried

Correspondence – Kelly read several thank-you notes from 4-H members and the Bloomfield & Crofton FFA Chapters.

Old Business –

1. Discuss 2018 Fair Livestock Judge – The 1st selection, Kelly Bruns and the 2nd selection, Nate Jelinek both said no. Kent Clymer from David City would be willing to judge for \$1,000 judging fee. Motion by Kurt to get Kent as the judge for 2018. Seconded by Kelly and motion carried.
2. Discuss Bedding for 2018 Fair – Jamie shared a quote of \$18.00/yard for cedar mulch. Bomgaars couldn't compete with the price. We may need to hire a truck to haul the mulch. In 2017 we purchased 315 bags @ \$3.25/bag and 50 yards of rough mulch at \$10.00/yard. Total bill for 2017 was \$1523.75 + freight of \$395.62 + sales tax of \$105.57 less \$500.00 paid by Ag Society leaving a balance of \$1,524.94 paid by the 4-H Council. Motion by Todd to purchase 8 pallets of bagged chips for \$1800.00 and 55 yards of rough mulch for \$990.00 for the 2018 fair. Matt seconded and motion carried.

Discussion followed on the fair entry/stall fees. Current fees are \$7/head for market beef, 2nd year bucket calf, breeding heifers, fall feeder calves and any feeder calves & dairy animals staying the entire fair: \$3/head for bucket calves, sheep, goats, swine and feeder calves & dairy animals for day of show only. Motion by Matt to increase the fees for 2018 for beef animals staying the entire fair to \$12/head and all other species to \$5/head. Seconded by Tatum and motion carried.

3. Manure Dumpsters – There has been several offers to pay for the 2 manure dumpsters, but no dollars have been received. Cost is \$850.00/dumpster. The Northwest Feeders and Knox County Knockouts 4-H Clubs have expressed an interest. The Verdigre FFA will build one or more.

New Business –

1. Acknowledge Constellation Energy Contribution - A contribution of \$274.00 was received from Constellation Energy and a thank-you was sent by the office.
2. Acknowledge Farm Services of American Contribution - Farm Services of American donated \$800.00 for the Gain Contest premiums. Kelly will send the thank-you.
3. 4-H Council Member Appointments – discussion followed on the replacements for 2018. The following names were provided to be appointed the council:
District 1 – (Marty Konopasek retiring) – Steve Ives, Mike Hrbek, Jesse Rader
District 2 – (Kelly Hanvey retiring) – Kari Nilson, Karlyn Condon, Kelly Hanvey
District 3 – (Todd Sauser & Kurt Ziegler retiring) – Chad Vanness, Chris Johnson, Kenny Kuhlman, Curt Vanness
District 4 – (Tabatha Nielsen retiring) – Tabatha Nielsen, Sharla Hanzlik
District 5 – (Jeanine Lange retiring) – Jody Foxhoven, Holly Wortmann
The office will contact the first name provided and so on.
4. Approve payment to Ag Society for Poultry/Rabbit Barn Repairs – Motion by Matt to approve the payment of dollars donated for the improvement of the Poultry & Rabbit Barn in the amount of \$1,050.00 to the Knox County Ag Society. Seconded by Kelly and motion carried.
5. Appoint Committee to pursue the combining of the 4-H & FFA Showmanship – Discussion followed and Heidi Ruzicka, Matt Fritz, Alex Cunningham and Stephanie Mann were appointed to the committee to meet with Ruth and Jackie. The committee is to report back to the 4-H Council June meeting.
6. Discuss Swine Check-In – Ruth is to contact Derek Cunningham and tabled to next meeting.
7. Discuss Fair Suggestions & Livestock Superintendent Meeting Suggestions -
 - Stick horse class added for Clover Kids – motion by Matt to NOT add the stick horse class. Seconded by Tatum and motion carried.
 - Put reminders in the 4-H newsletter that Clover Kids can't show animals over 350 lbs.
 - Another table is needed for Poultry showing.
 - Discussed the possibility of moving the Dairy Show to Thursday.
 - Swine Check-In – Ruth will contact Derek and leave it up to him.
8. Suggestions for Ag Society Annual Meeting – Jamie and Kurt will attend the meeting on November 8.
9. 2017 Gain Contest Premiums – Motion by Evan to approve the premium checks. Seconded by Neil and motion carried.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Hanvey, Secretary