

Gosper County 4-H Council

March 13, 2023

Gosper County 4-H Council met at the Gosper County Courthouse on Monday, March 13, 2023. Attending were: Members-Rod Buell, Paul Huggett, David W. Beck, Codina Moore, Dustin O'Hanlon and Joe Wendell; Staff- Calvin DeVries, Emily Shultz, Kathy Beck; Visitor- Steve Dirgo, Hot Shots 4-H Club leader.

The meeting opened with the Flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge. Phelps-Gosper 4-H Educator Calvin DeVries introduced himself.

Reports:

Emily reviewed the February 20 joint Phelps-Gosper Extension Board meeting held in Bertrand. Rod reviewed Fair Board activities to be held during the 2023 Gosper County Fair.

Old Business:

Emily reviewed the 4-H magnet promotion. They have been handed out to the Elwood 4th grade students, and will be presented to other grades over the coming month.

The 4-H Awards Board has been sold to Loup County 4-H Council. They are making plans to pick it up and will purchase it at the Gosper 4-H Council's asking price of \$500.

A 4-H Promotion event will be held for Elwood 2nd-3rd-4th grade students on Wednesday, March 29. Calvin and Emily told about the activities that are being planned for the stations.

Calvin asked about any changes that the Gosper 4-H Council would like to discuss for the 2023 4-H Premium Book. Phelps County 4-H Council has eliminated the premiums for Herdsmanship. They will offer individual awards by species. Discussion, but no decision by Gosper 4-H Council.

New Business:

Lottery Hog selection will be held on April 1 at the Elwood Fair Grounds. Cost per pig is \$175. Emily explained that each animal will get a number and youth will draw a number and get a corresponding hog.

Shooting Sports BB Gun leader Steve Dirgo was present to discuss the very successful program underway. Steve has 20 youth participating with 10 in the morning and 10 in an afternoon session. Jesse Naputi is his assistant. Steve thanked the 4-H Council for purchasing six new Daisy BB Guns through the Elwood American Legion. Daisy Corp. gave a nice discount to any orders from American Legion Posts. The Hot Shot's 4-H Club already had six BB Gun's in the club inventory; two are usable, three do not have safety's, with one recently returned to the club.

BD in Holdrege donated 40 pair of safety glasses to the Hot Shots. An eye wear business donated eye glass covers for each pair.

Discussion on a raffle for the Daisy BB Gun's that do not have safety's. It was decided that there is a need to look into the protocol and safety before a raffle is held.

Rules for the BB Guns discussed:

1. Only current club members can use the BB-guns
2. There will be no loaning the BB-Guns out.

3. Serial Numbers for the guns will be listed. Steve will forward the serial numbers from the older Daisy BB Guns.

There may be several individuals who are interested in attending the Shootings Sports training for Archery.

Calvin and Emily presented the need for a new Incubator for the Embryology program. The one currently being used is at least 14 years old. Dustin O'Hanlon made the motion, Joe seconded that a new incubator under \$200 allowed be allowed for the purchase. All in favor.

Discussion on Arena lighting: Joe shared an estimate from Electrical Services from Overton. The estimate includes replacing the undercover ten original lights with two more in the new north addition for \$3300.

The need for lighting around the outside of the Ag Barn/Arena was reviewed. Following discussion, Joe was directed to get a quote for eight outer lights and one light each for the hog wash and beef wash areas.

Motion by Dustin to set aside \$10,000 for lighting improvements at the Ag Barn: to include 12 undercover and 8 exterior. If the quote exceeds that amount, the 4-H Council will review and amend the motion. Second by Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

Codina brought up the need to add grounding rods to the tie-outs. This will be brought up to the Gosper County Ag Society.

Codina has ordered wood chips for the Swine Barn during the 2023 county fair.

Minutes from January 16, 2023 were approved with one correction: Alan Forsters name was incorrect.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, **May 22, 2023 at 7:00** at the Gosper County Courthouse.

Motion by Codina, second by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by
Gosper Office Mgr Kathy Beck

Serial Numbers for Daisy BB Guns
Purchased January 2023; Received Feb 6, 2023

1. 0621 001839
2. 0621 000037
3. 0621 002062
4. 0621 001147
5. 0621 000638
6. 0621 002780