

## Polk County 4-H Council Minutes

March 12, 2024

6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

The Polk County 4-H Council held a meeting on March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Polk County Fairground. President Jake Zahm called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Jake Zahm, Josh Hopwood, Stacy Stewart, Kris Udey, Kole Crawford, Collin Vrbka, Jeff Ingalls, Brittany Johnson and Chelsey Girard. Also in attendance was Polk County Extension staff Tanya Crawford.

Treasurer Report: A motion was made by Brittany Johnson, seconded by Josh Hopwood to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed.

Minutes: A motion was made by Josh Hopwood, seconded by Kris Udey to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports: Tanya reported that Colleen has been busy with school programming. Other activities include the fair book, summer workshop preparation, Connect at the Coffee House on March 14 and Inventure Day on March 28 at Cross County.

Committee Reports:

Resource Development/Fundraising: No report

Constitution/By Laws/Budget: Approved at the last meeting.

Scholarship: Two scholarship applications were received from Creighton Sterup and Reese David. Both applicants meet the requirements for the scholarship. A motion was made by Brittany Johnson, seconded by Jake Zahm to award scholarships to both applicants. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Fair Book: The fair book will be 100% online this year. Can be found at [polk.unl.edu](http://polk.unl.edu). Hard copies will be available at the extension office, senior centers, libraries, and other common gathering spaces. Each 4-H family will receive a hard copy. One benefit of having online only is any mistakes that are found can be quickly updated and available.

New Business:

Connect at the Coffee House on March 14, 4-6pm at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Coffee House in Stromsburg.

Fair 2024 theme is "Leis Back at the Polk County Fair" – Hawaiian theme. New logo to be coming soon. There will be a hay bale decorating contest again. Tanya met with the fair board. There will be no scheduling changes this year, but they recognize some changes could be beneficial. Keep note of show start and ending times, entry numbers, how events flow, picture logistics, etc. to consider for future years.

Summer Programming ideas/suggestions – brochure was shared with tentative workshops. Also hoping to have a ESI (Entrepreneurship Investigation camp) and goat & sheep clinic.

Heart of 4-H Nominations: 2 awards – one business and one individual

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Colleen is getting bids for a new refrigerator by next Monday.

Fair Board tore down old shower house. New shower house to be ready for fair.

Announcements:

Connect at the Coffee House - March 14<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. -6 p.m. in Stromsburg

Quilts of Valor Workday – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9a.m. -4 p.m. – Postponed to May 29th

Communications Contest – April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

YQCA – May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Sheep and Goat Weigh Day – May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Josh Hopwood, seconded by Kris Udey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.