

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 3, 2024-Webster County Fair Grounds, Bladen**

Adult Members

Present: Meghan Anderson, Lance Johnson, Jenn Himmelberg, Sara Macklin, Jana McNeill, and Mollie Taylor.

Absent: Afton Alber, Hans Burken, Julie Henkel, and Health Zuellner

Youth Members

Present: Carter Auten, Megan Macklin, and Ellie Mangers

Absent: Dylan Auten, Eli Karr, Libby Macklin, Anna Mead, and Halley Minnick

Fairboard Representative: None

Extension Staff Present: Elizabeth Janning, Alexa Pedersen, and Katie Bolte

1. **Call Meeting to Order** Meeting called to order by President Lance Johnson at 5:21pm
2. **Minutes of September 2024 Meeting** Motion to Approve: Mehan Anderson, Second: Lance Johnson    Aye-All            Nay-None            Motion Passed
3. **Treasurer's Report** Report given by Treasurer Mollie Taylor  
Checking=\$28,114.01, Savings=\$14,461.92  
Motion to Approve Treasurer Report: Jana McNeil, Second: Ellie Mangers  
Aye-All                    Nay-None                    Motion Passed
4. **Bills Presented** Victory Two invoice for awards, Eric McNeal has not been reimbursed yet for your Archery instruction classes. Motioned to approve reimbursement of Eric made by Megan Macklin, Second by: Ellie Mangers  
Aye-All                    Nay-None                    Motion Passed
5. **Public Comment** No public present for comment
6. **Webster County Youth Foundation Report** They decided to drop the Rainbow Classic, as they agreed with Youth Council that most of the youth are allowed to show during the Cloverkid portion of the shows.
7. **Webster County Fair Board Report** No Representative Present
8. **Old Business**
  - a. **Fair Review**-No items were found to be reviewed in more depth
  - b. **2025 Fair Schedule** Fairboard approved the schedule but would like to see the horseshow not take place at the same time as fair clean up. Those present that do the horseshow wondered if it was because the board felt the horse people were not doing their share of the clean up. It was decided to add an alternate cleaning day of Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> to the schedule for anyone that will be in the horse show or cannot attend that Saturday morning of clean up.
  - c. **Awards Celebration recap** Went well, had many people attend this year
  - d. **Archery Shoot recap** had 11 shooters, went very well. Nuckles County sponsors came over to help Eric run this shoot. They brought with them bigger targets that are a must for our older shooters as the current ones we have will be shredded by Intermediate and Seniors very quickly.
9. **New Business**

- a. **Review Awards-Before sending out sponsorship letters** Do we want to keep all the same awards? It was wondered if it is possible to add more static awards since so many are done for the livestock area. Another question was do we continue to hand out awards at achievement night or do this during the fair? The idea of a survey was talked about to see how everyone feels for this. Ultimately it was decided to table this for January when Katie and Alexa would have the list of awards and letter ready.
- b. **Fairbook Changes** Jana pointed out that the Poultry section needs to have the ages of the animals listed to make it easier to decipher which section the animal fits. Also a line can be removed about the animal being shown previously for aged poultry, as there are no records kept on poultry to prove this. This was also tabled to the January meeting where we will have the new book with the state level changes in it.
- c. **Charging for Manuals** Traditionally the council covers the cost of all manuals. As these can start to become quite costly it was voted to have a set date to allow for a coupon for one free manual per kid.  
Motion to set a cutoff date of April 15<sup>th</sup>, entitling 1 certificate for one free manual per kid, made by Sara Macklin, Second by Jana McNeil  
Aya-All            Nay-None            Motion Passed
- d. **Enrollment Incentives** The T-shirt incentive worked well last year, we will continue with it for this year.
- e. **Food Stand** We are down 2 fridges and 1 freezer. Watch for Black Friday, someone local selling, or on a scratch and dent sale for these items. Contact the office so they can get the go ahead from Council on the amount to spend.
- f. **Nominations** Nelson Trambly was the only adult nominated who accepted the nomination. There where 9 kids nominated, currently there is a tie but 2 families said they did not get the email with the link to vote so they will be voting in the next 24 hours, which should hopefully break the tie. Motion to accept Nelson Trambly onto the board for the 2025 year as the Adult Representative made by Ellie Mangers, Second by Lance Johnson    Aye-All            Nay-None            Motion Carried  
It was also wondered if our by-laws stat anything about removing members for x amount of unexcused absences or if that should be something we vote on to put in place at the next meeting. It will be discussed more in January.
- g. **Other** JD Armstrongs classmates would like to donate \$500 towards the 4H program. This was tabled to the January meeting as it may work well to combine this with the Red Cloud Donation. Carter Auten suggested that there was a welding class in Blue Hill that may be able to build something that we need to make the sign portable and stand up to the elements. Beth would reach out to Melissa Bonifas on this and we will have more information in January on this.

**Next meeting is January 5<sup>th</sup> after the Beef Weigh in (approximately 5:30) in Red Cloud at the Extension Office**

**10. Adjourn** Motioned by Megan Macklin, Second by Carter Auten  
Aye-All    Nay-None    Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:19