

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

December Meeting Notes

December 10, 2024-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

- 1. Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:01PM
- 2. Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
- 3. Secretary's Report:** (Waiting on minutes from Kirsten)
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** \$4558.34 in Checking. \$19, 452.37 in Checking (General Fund: \$14,130.41, Education Fund: \$889.72, Ribbon & Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24, Technology Fund: \$0)
*2024 Auction Buyer Balance Due: \$7,243.58 (Fair entry balance due report 11/19/24) Meijer, Manistee; Adam and Anna Fryer; Nutrien-(owes \$45, incorrect amt. Originally paid)
- 5. Public Comment:** Country View Farm Auction 2023 sale bill owes \$583.21 in interest for late fees (Initial bill was paid 3/25/24 without occurring late fees paid). Ali will e-mail team how to follow up and go further.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Fair show order/fair schedule:
 - Monday: Entry Day 10AM-7PM
 - Tuesday: 10AM Sheep, 1PM Goats, 4PM Cattle
 - Wednesday: 8AM Swine, 1PM Rabbits/Cavy
 - Thursday: 8AM Poultry (Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese)
 - Friday: 5:30PM Livestock Auction
 - Sunday: Exit Day

*Tobia made a motion to accept the new show schedule for 2025 fair week. Emily seconded it. All ayes.

- b. Pick a date for spring meeting: March 9th, 2024 2PM
(Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama)
- c. Judge Selection (committee/appointment): Carl-Cattle, Jamie-Goats/Sheep/Rabbits, Emily-Poultry, Tobia-Swine

*Matthew Kennedy: was emailed/contacted 12/10/24 with bid sheet for Goats & Sheep.

- d. Steer committee Selection: Carl, Tobia, Jeremy, Jamie, John, Janice
- e. Next Meeting: January 21, 2025

7. Old business

- a. Policy/Procedure Pages and Animal Health Forms (tabled for January)
- b. Poultry/Rabbit Processing: All voted yes on Walker's Butcher Block. Allison contacted 12/10/24. Jamie will follow up.
- c. Belt Buckles: Jeremy ordered the sponsor buckles and they should be here by the January meeting to disperse. Jeremy will order market buckles.
- d. Ribbons & Trophies: Jamie will contact Sherry to get a list of consecutive buyer plaques needed starting at 5 years and will get that to Alaine Lacki to order.
- e. Buyer Photos: Jamie will pick up from the 4-H office and mail out/will need to be reimbursed.

8. Public Comment: None

9. **Attendance:** Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Allison Ballard, Joel Sobkoviak, Jeremy Sexton, Wolf Bowman

10. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned @ 9:00PM

* Ali contacted Ryan Walker (Walker's Butcher Block) in Scottsville about small animal processing via Facebook. We are on his calendar for load on Sunday, August 17th.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

January Meeting Notes

January 29, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

(Rescheduled from January 21, 2025 due to illness)

1. Call to Order: Called to order by Carl @ 7:02PM

2. Pledges: Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge

3. Secretary's Report: Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes and Emily seconded the motion.

4. Treasurer's Report: \$4558.69 in Savings. \$19, 452.37 in Checking (General Fund: \$14,130.41, Education Fund: \$889.72, Ribbon & Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24, Technology Fund: \$0)
*2024 Auction Buyer Balance Due: \$7,243.58 (Fair entry balance due report 11/19/24) Meijer, Manistee; Adam and Anna Fryer; Nutrien-(owes \$45, incorrect amt. Originally paid) Calls went out. Allison will call again.

**Bills to be paid:* \$45.04 Jamie Smith for Buyer Photo Postage. \$120.00 to Dr. Whitney for Banner sponsorship refund. Tobia made a motion to pay bills. Wolf Seconded. All ayes.

5. Public Comment: Elaine Bossingham brought up a concern that steers were not checked for castration at first steer check January 25-26, 2025. There is currently no rule stating that they are required to be castrated by the first steer check. Elaine thanked Carl Lacki, Jeremy Sexton, and John Schimke for their time and work for the steer tagging.

6. New Business

a. Work Barn Bee Dates:

- 1.)July 26th, 2025 (Saturday) 9am-1pm
- 2.)August 6th, 2025 (Wednesday) 6pm-9pm
- 3.)August 9th, 2025 (Saturday) 9am-1pm

(Use 3rd meeting for stall decorations/sawdust if everything gets done first two dates)

b. Fair Registration Procedure:

Remove google entry form for registration. Project registration through Fair Entry only. 3 Required buyer slips need to be scanned/loaded into fair entry to be checked for non-related or duplicated in families.

c. Judge Bids

- 1.)Sheep/Goat (approved bid for Matthew Kennedy 1/29/24 for \$766.00) Emily made a motion to accept and Tobia seconded it. All ayes
- 2.)Cattle (bid mailed out Monday 1/27/2025)
- 3.)Swine
- 4.)Rabbits/Cavy (bids sent out, waiting to hear back)
- 5.)Poultry (waiting to hear back)

d. Next Meeting: February 18, 2025 7:00 PM Manistee

County Road Commission

7. Old business

- a. Policy/Procedure Pages and Animal Health Forms. (Allison will add born by dates and e-mail council with all species updated)
- b. Steer Committee: Carl Lacki, Jeremy Sexton, and John Schimke tagged all steers. Carl stated it went well. Heifers

will be checked at the next steer check. Suggestion was made to follow up at second steer check with a checklist for proper halters, brushes, show sticks, ect. Allison will e-mail checklist. (Jamie was absent due to State 4-H Rabbit Show @ MSU) (Tobia was out due to illness)

- c. Ribbons & Trophies: Jamie contacted Sherry to get a list of consecutive buyer plaques needed starting at 5 years and will get that to Alaine Lacki to order.
- d. Buyer Photos: Jamie picked up from the 4-H office and mailed out. Check was dispersed for reimbursement.
- e. Spring mandatory fair meeting set for March 9th, 2025 2:00PM (Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama)
- f. Buyer's Banquet Thoughts? Cancel it this year due to lack of volunteers? Grace suggested Goody bags for buyers with custom spices through Northern Spices/4-H. Advertise recognition for buyer's on social media, radio, billboards, ect.

8. **Public Comment**: Grace Servinski stated Buyer slips needed to be updated with change in fair week schedule. Currently state Thursday and should say Friday 5:30 PM.

9. **Attendance**: Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Grace Servinski, Elaine Bossingham, Janice M. McCraner

10. **Adjourn Meeting**: Meeting adjourned @ 9:20PM

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

February Meeting Notes

February 18, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:04PM
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** Read by Jamie, Tobia made a motion to accept. Jeremy seconded. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** \$4558.69 in Savings. \$19,212.33 in Checking (General Fund: \$13,890.37, Education Fund: \$889.72, Ribbon & Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24, Technology Fund: \$0)
*2024 Auction Buyer Balance Due: \$7,243.58.
We have received communication from Nutrien Ag in the form of a third party Candex, their new payment request/management system, for the remaining balance of \$45. I have set up the Council's account and submitted all of the documents requested for verification (invoice, w9, ect.) and from the looks of it, the remaining amount will be deposited in our account directly in approximately 15 days. Emily, please let me know when it comes through, and I will mark it as paid in Fair Entry. (Allison)

**Bills Paid: Jamie Smith-auction Photo postage, Lake Ann Mobile Vet Practice-sponsor banner, Manistee Co. Road Commission (Jan, Feb, March meetings).*

5. **Public Comment:** Grace Servinski thanked the 4-H Livestock council for their support and efforts. She presented the council with a letter for a donation animal (goat) to run through the

auction to benefit Brent and Ayla Benavides and the loss of their son. Council commended Grace for her efforts and restated rules for donating an animal during auction.

6. New Business

a. Judge Bids

- 1.) Sheep/Goat (approved bid for Matthew Kennedy 1/29/25 for \$766.00) Emily made a motion to accept and Tobia seconded. All ayes.
- 2.) Cattle (approved bid for Monte Bordner 2/18/25 for \$241.80 plus mileage/meal) Tobia made a motion to accept. Emily seconded. All ayes.
- 3.) Swine (received several bids vote next meeting)
- 4.) Rabbits/Cavy (2 bids sent out, waiting to hear back)
- 5.) Poultry (approved bid for Mikayla VanBoven 2/18/25 for \$378.00). Jeremy made a motion to accept the bid. Tobia seconded the motion. All ayes.

d. Next Meeting: March 18th, 2025 7:00 PM Manistee County Road Commission. Mandatory Fair Meeting March 9th, 2025 2:00PM @ Trinity Lutheran Church in Onekama.

7. Old business

- a. Policy/Procedure Pages and Animal Health Forms. (Allison will add born by dates and e-mail council with all species updated)
- b. Auction checklist of duties/daily tasks-will print off for next meeting.
- c. Spring mandatory fair meeting set for March 9th, 2025 2:00PM (Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama) Google form will be sent to all council members and Allison to update for meeting.

- d. Buyer's Banquet: Advisory Council has graciously decided to help take care of the banquet and will continue to work on further funding to keep it going.
- e. Entry day times :(10-7pm large/cattle buildings only)
(1-7pm Poultry-pullorum testing/rabbit Barn)
- f. Belt Buckles: One left to deliver. Tobia will take care of.
- g. Photographer bid: sent out
- h. Processors: Confirmed Ebel's, Swicks, Triple R. Waiting to hear back from Sanders.
- i. Scale certification: Set for July 18th, 2025 @ Fairgrounds

8. **Public Comment**: Jeremy asked for a deadline for record books to be returned back to exhibitors after completion. It was decided to have them returned by the September meeting for pick up and after the meeting available at the office. It was agreed that a box/tote needs to be available for exhibitors to turn in record books by Saturday at Fair.

9. **Attendance**: Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Jeremy Sexton, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Grace Servinski, Elaine Bossingham, Janice M. McCraner

10. **Adjourn Meeting**: Meeting adjourned @ 9:20PM by Carl .Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

March Meeting Notes

March 18, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:00PM
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** Tobia made a motion to accept. Emily seconded. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** *2024 Auction Buyer Balance Due:
\$6,764.66 Meijer Manistee. Deposit 3/12/2025 Nutrien Ag Systems, Auction correction payment \$45.00. Deposit 3/13/25 Auction payment of \$493.29 from the Fryers. Check withdrawal #3894 3/9/25 Trinity Lutheran Church, Onekama for Spring mandatory show/market fair meeting of \$60.00.
Checking: \$19,690.62
-General Fund checking: \$14,368.66
-Education Fund: \$889.72
-Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24
-Technology Fund: \$0.00
Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,558.69

*Due to the 2023 auctions outstanding interest balance from buyer Country View Farm, the board voted to ban for 5 years as a buyer and drop the bill to move forward. Emily made a motion to accept. Tobia seconded. All in favor. Allison will send out an official letter.

5. **Public Comment:** Carly Bachelder sent in a petition for equivalency from NWMF. She presented herself to the council and her mother helped answer questions. Council voted to go into closed session to discuss the matter further around 7:20PM. Council re-opened the meeting at 7:34PM. Petition was denied. It was an unanimous vote of the board to stick to and follow the current livestock rules and guidelines for both NWMF and Manistee County Fair. Both councils withhold the same rules and guidelines. Carly Bachelder is allowed to show only at Manistee County Fair for the 2025 Fair year.

6. New Business

a. Judge Bids

- 1.) Sheep/Goat (approved bid for Matthew Kennedy 1/29/25 for \$766.00) Emily made a motion to accept and Tobia seconded. All ayes.
- 2.) Cattle (approved bid for Monte Bordner 2/18/25 for \$241.80 plus mileage/meal) Tobia made a motion to accept. Emily seconded. All ayes.
- 3.) Swine (approved bid 3/5/25 for Dennis Wooden) Emily made a motion to accept bid, Jamie seconded it. All ayes.
- 4.) Rabbits/Cavy (approved bid 3/18/25 for Abigail Pyle \$100.00) Tobia made a motion to accept the bid. Emily seconded. All ayes.
- 5.) Poultry (approved bid for Mikayla VanBoven 2/18/25 for \$378.00). Jeremy made a motion to accept the bid. Tobia seconded the motion. All ayes.

b. Auctioneer bid: Tobia made a motion to accept the bid for Greg Bancroft. Emily seconded the motion. All ayes.

C. Barn work bee list: Split into clubs like last year. Allison will send Tobia the list.

d. Next Meeting: April 15th, 2025 7:00 PM Manistee County Road Commission.

E. Next Steer Check: June 7th, 2025 @ 9AM. Tobia will check with Jeremy if he is available.

7. Old business

- a. Auction checklist of duties/daily tasks-will print off for next meeting-Sign up genius in the works and will be sent out to all leaders/clubs. Auction set up list is still needed. After June registration check species numbers for stalls/pens needed.
- b. Spring mandatory fair meeting March 9th, 2025: 18 4-Her's did not attend. Due to missing a mandatory meeting, and now no longer being eligible for fair, 4-Her's who no called no showed will need to come to the April livestock meeting with their appeal to the council of why they missed a mandatory meeting to be able to show/market at the fair. Once the council approves the appeal, they will need to set up a meeting with Allison before they leave the livestock meeting to make up for the missed meeting. Those that did contact Allison/the council about missing the mandatory meeting will need to make that up with Allison as well per the by laws and requirement to be able to show/market at the 2025 fair. Tobia made a motion to accept this guideline and Wolf seconded it. All ayes.
- c. Buyer's Banquet: Advisory Council has graciously decided to help fund the banquet and will continue to work on further funding to keep it going. 4-H Livestock Council will still need to make arrangements.
- d. Goat & Swine clinics interest: Jamie will reach out to Breanna Crawford and Ann Wilkosz for any information or contacts going forward.

- e. Photographer bid: E-mail was sent out with a bid form to Karen Youker Photography by Allison 3/18/25 due to the original e-mail being sent back to the sender.
- 8. **Public Comment**: Melissa Renner stated Family Farm and Home is looking for any and all 4-H related events and currently looking for someone to teach rabbit tattooing at their Manistee location.
- 9. **Attendance**: Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Joel Sobkoviak, Jody Perkins, Brent Perkins, Jordan Bachelder, Carly Bachelder, Robert Renner, Melissa Renner, Shawnee Renner, Cheyenne Renner.
- 10. **Adjourn Meeting**: Meeting adjourned @ 8:50PM by Carl Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

April Meeting Notes

April 15, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:03PM
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** Tobia made a motion to accept. Jeremy seconded. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Allison made contact with Meijer's 2024 outstanding balance (\$6,764.66). Should get a check next week.
Checking: \$19,426.17
-General Fund checking: \$14,104.21
-Education Fund: \$889.72
-Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24
-Technology Fund: \$0.00
Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,559.02

*Update for 2023 Country View Farm Buyer Balance: Letter was sent and received by Emily Bossingham.

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **New Business**

- a. Photography Bid: Karen Youker. Emily made a motion to accept the bid. Tobia seconded it. All ayes. \$14.00/set.
8x10-\$10, 5x7-\$7, 4x6-\$5
- b. Judges Hotel rooms: Jamie will call and set up

c. Buyer's Banquet: May 1st, 2025 6pm meeting with Advisory Council to discuss details. (Is anyone available to attend?)

d. Pay for 3 months of using Manistee County Road Commission building for holding meetings. (April, May, June). Jamie made a motion to approve. Emily seconded it. All ayes.

e. Next Meeting: **May 20th, 2025 7:00 PM** Manistee County Road Commission.

7. Old business

- a. Auction checklist of duties/daily tasks-will print off for next meeting (Allison)
- b. Spring mandatory fair meeting March 9th, 2025: 18 4-Her's did not attend. Due to missing a mandatory meeting, and now no longer being eligible for fair, 4-Her's who no called no showed will need to come to the April livestock meeting with their appeal to the council of why they missed a mandatory meeting to be able to show/market at the fair.

Once the council approves the appeal, they will need to set up a meeting with Allison before they leave the livestock meeting to make up for the missed meeting. Those that did contact Allison/the council about missing the mandatory meeting will need to make that up with Allison as well per the by laws and requirement to be able to show/market at the 2025 fair. Tobia made a motion to accept this guideline and Wolf seconded it. All ayes.

-Youth: Charlotte Sell, Natalie Brown, Cassidy Brown, Madalyn Brown, and Jesse Foreman attended the meeting and stated why they missed the mandatory meeting.

Charlotte Sell is excused and already made up the meeting with Allison. The rest of the youth in attendance scheduled a make-up meeting with Allison before the end of the livestock meeting.

- c. Goat & Swine clinics interest: Allison will reach out to Robin Gildner for goats and possibly NWMF for any other clinics. Carl Lacki will ask older youth in his club if they would be willing to put a Swine clinic together.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Attendance:** Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Jeremyt Sexton, Allison Ballard, Kaylie Brown, Madalyn Brown, Natalie Brown, Cassidy Brown, Jesse Foreman, Charlotte Sell, Sarah Sell.

10. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned @ 9:11PM by Carl .Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

May Meeting Notes

May 20th, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

- 1. Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:08PM
- 2. Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
- 3. Secretary's Report:** Correction made for months paid to Manistee County Road Commission. (April, May, June). Tobia made a motion to accept. Emily seconded. All ayes.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Meijer's 2024 outstanding balance (\$6,764.66) was paid. Check withdrawal for Manistee County Road Commission (April, May, June meetings).
Checking: \$26,115.83
-General Fund checking: \$20,793.87
-Education Fund: \$889.72
-Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$4,432.24
-Technology Fund: \$0.00
Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,559.02
- 5. Public Comment:** None
- 6. New Business**
 - a. 2025 Printing budget (Buyer postcards, bidder cards, & Auction packets). Tobia made a motion to allocate funding of \$1100.00 for postage related items. Wolf seconded it. All ayes.
 - b. Postage reimbursement: \$14.60 to Emily Burrus for 4-H mailing. Tobia made a motion. Jamie seconded it.

- c. Pollorum certification renewals: \$30.00 each for Emily Burrus and Kristen Lambert. Tobia made a motion to pay and renew. Jamie seconded it. All ayes. (\$60.00 from General Fund).
 - e. Next Meeting: **June 17, 2025 7:00 PM** Manistee County Road Commission.

7. Old business

- a. Spring mandatory meeting: All youth who reached out have made up the required time for the 2025 fair.
- b. Goat & Swine clinics: Robin Gildner offered to put on a clinic. Details coming soon. Carl's club offered to host a clinic for swine. Possible date June 14th 1-3pm. Details coming soon.
- c. Buyer plaques: 4 need to be delivered yet. Tobia will pick up from the office.
- d. Buckles: Total of \$2707.75. Jamie made a motion to accept to pay. Tobia seconded. All ayes.
- e. Auction Dinner: Advisory Council is paying, should Livestock council pay half the cost? Allison will contact a homeschool group with a possible opportunity to run the dinner. Send out a list of expectations to the homeschool group. Need a list put together for tasks needed. Also need a list for auction day procedures.
- f. Ribbon ordering: Inventory will need to be done. Ordering will take place after June 25, 2025 registration.
- g. Procedures for Entry Day form: Tobia will take care of

8. **Public Comment**: None

9. **Attendance**: Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Joel Sobkoviak.

10. **Adjourn Meeting**: Meeting adjourned @ 9:00PM by Carl. Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

June Meeting Notes

June 17th, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:01PM
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** Tobia made a motion to make a correction to May minutes- there were 5 buyer plaques in the 4-H office needing to be delivered not 4. Wolf seconded.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** \$500.00 check for FairEntry is still not cashed?

Withdrawals:

- *Emily Burrus postage reimbursement (\$14.60)
- *Michigan Allied Poultry Industries:Pullorum cert. Renewals for K. Lambert and E Burrus. (\$60.00)
- *Molly's Custom Silver VOID:Incorrect Total
- *Molly's Custom Silver, 2025 Buckles (\$2,207.75)

Checking: \$23,333.48

- General Fund checking: \$19,633.87
- Education Fund: \$889.72
- Printing and Postage Fund: \$1,085.40
- Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$1,724.49
- Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,559.02

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. New Business

- a. Keystone Co-Op Swine Show sponsorship: \$1,000 sponsorship will include cage cars, back tags, and printing stall cards. Ali will contact Keystone for details.
- b. Witness/Complaint forms: Forms were sent by e-mail. Take official statements for youth and they will be located in the species binders in each barn. Any complaints involving adults please contact Allison.
- c. KND Jump Start Day @ the Fair: K-5 students will take a tour through the fair and observe our poultry show. 10-20 kids. 9:45-11:45am.

e. Next Meeting: July 15th, 2025 7:00 PM Manistee County Road Commission. Fairboard meeting will be held July 8th, 2025 @ the Fairgrounds.

7. Old business

- a. Buyer Dinner: Advisory/Livestock Council will 50/50 split the cost. A screened homeschool/4-H group will work the dinner to allow council members to attend to other aspects of the auction. Allison will send Emily Grand Rental Info. (Tent/chairs/tables). Dawn Fresh Catering/Ebels were paid \$100.00 deposit 6/17/25. Motion to pay Ebels by Wolf. Tobia seconded. Dinner will be 4-8pm. Allison and council members will attend the next fairboard meeting and discuss space options at the fairgrounds for tent space for dinner. Council voted on food selections for the dinner: Chicken, BBQ pork, mashed potatoes, corn, baked beans, veggie tray, drinks.
- b. Goat & Swine clinics: Meat/Dairy Goat clinic went well! Swine clinic has been postponed for now.

- c. Buyer plaques: Starting 2025 Fair, Buyer's plaques will be handed out at the buyer's dinner the following year. Tobia made a motion. Emily seconded.
- d. Auction list: Carl will make a map/list for what needs to be done. Emily will contact Sexton's about the Auction photo wall.
- e. Ribbon ordering: Ordering will be done after June 25th, 2025 FairEntry registration. Emily, Jamie, and Tobia will meet June 23rd, 2025 @ Fairgrounds to take ribbon inventory. -Look for buyer ribbons
- f. Barn duty list: Club leaders will need to sign up with Allison.

8. **Public Comment**: None

9. **Attendance**: Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Emily Burrus, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Joel Sobkoviak.

10. **Adjourn Meeting**: Meeting adjourned @ 8:57PM by Carl .Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

July Meeting Notes

July 15th, 2025-7:00pm- Manistee County Road Commission

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 7:09PM
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** Tobia made a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Emily e-mailed a report prior to the meeting. Council voted to void the Fair Entry check and mail a new one. (\$500.00) Allison will let Emily know.
Withdrawals:
 - *US Postal Service, 5 stamp rolls for office \$365.00
 - *Dawn Fresh Catering, Auction dinner deposit \$100.00
 - *Jack Pine Business Services, printing inv. 15457 \$87.14
 - *Grand Rental Station: Tent, tables, chairs, coolers, rental \$815.66
 - *Action Awards: 2025 Fair ribbon order \$883.84
 - *Country Creations Printing, 4x4 banners: West Coast, Lighthouse Realty, Lakeview Hideaway \$209.88
 - *Emily Burrus, reimbursement for blood loops and poultry bands \$69.50

Checking: \$20,802.46
-General Fund checking: \$17,554.99
-Education Fund: \$889.72
-Printing and Postage Fund: \$633.26
-Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$1,724.49

Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,559.02

5. **Public Comment:** Grace Servinski has decided to withdraw her goat for donation. She would like to sell it as normal. Allison will put in the withdrawal paperwork.

6. New Business

- a. Sawdust & Manure hauling for Fair week: Carl will talk with Bob at the sawmill for sawdust. Carl will talk with Dan Jones about dumping manure at his farm. Carl will also talk with John about tarps to cover sawdust to keep it dry.
- b. Rabbit clinic day before show w/Abigail Pyle: Council voted yes for Tuesday evening after all shows have completed for the day. Will be available to all ages.

e. Next Meeting: **August 9th, 2025 1:00 PM** Manistee County Fairgrounds (Directly following the barn bee)

7. Old business

- a. Buyer Dinner: E-mail sent by Emily to review. Need to contact the city for barricade gates around the dinner tent. Allison will order table clips and hand sanitizer through an Amazon account (MSU fund).
- b. Workbee list update: Allison will send out e-mail reminders of tools needed.
- c. Buyer plaques: Mrs. Lacki will order buyer plaque for Manistee Orchard.
- d. Auction list: Carl will make a map/list for what needs to be done. The auction list still needs to be put together yet. meet June 23rd, 2025 @ Fairgrounds to take ribbon inventory. -Look for buyer ribbons

- e. Barn duty list: Club leaders will need to sign up with Allison. The end of July is the deadline or it will be assigned.
- f. Keystone Co-Op sponsorship- \$1,000-Swine program. Tobia made a motion to go forward. Jamie seconded. All ayes.
- g. Sponsorships for Breed classes: (Swine, Cattle, Sheep) Council voted to use up “Special award” rosettes this year due to time constraint.
- h. Past Volunteers need to be reached out to see if they are available and would like to volunteer again. (Show ring help, auction help)
- i. Scale certification set for Friday July 18th, 2025. Jamie will meet with GR Meterology @ Fairgrounds. Jamie will meet Tobia for keys to the barns.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Attendance:** Carl Lacki, Alaine Lacki, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Allison Ballard, Grace Servinski

10. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned @ 9:24PM by Carl Tobia seconded.

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

August Meeting Notes

August 9th, 2025-11:00am- Manistee County Fairgrounds Show Barn

1. **Call to Order:** Called to order by Carl @ 11:00am
2. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
3. **Secretary's Report:** All council members e-mailed July meeting minutes. Tobia made a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Withdrawals:

- *Grand Rapids Metrology, 2025 scale certification \$950.00
- *Jack Pine Business Services, printing inv. 16434 \$578.00
- *Large barn advert renewals and purchases \$720.00
- ***Action needed:** missing check (not yet cleared bank), discussed in July but check has NOT yet been reissued.

Checking: \$19,994.46

-General Fund checking: \$17,324.99

-Education Fund: \$889.72

-Printing and Postage Fund: \$55.26

-Ribbon and Trophy Fund: \$1,724.49

Honor Bank Savings #6412: \$4,559.02

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **New Business**

- a. Mandatory meeting Thursday 5:30pm for Auction set up
- b. Judge greeting
- c. Take pictures of each set up for records: Tobia will take
- d. Agenda for mandatory meeting on Monday:

*Welcome, looking forward to a great fair week, please help when you see that help is needed. Make sure you are looking at the white boards to know what is going on each day. If you see something and feel that something needs to be said please fill out one of the forms. Barn duty lists are hanging in show barn. Barn cleaning times: Tuesday: 6-8am, Wednesday 5:30-7:30am, Thursday 5:30-7:30am, Friday 6-8am, Saturday 6-8am, Sunday 8am-noon for kids. Please help with show set up for sheep/goats/cattle. Tuesday night will be set up for swine show. Rabbit show set up will be after swine show. Wednesday after rabbit show, poultry show set will begin. Thursday night/friday morning set up for Auction (inside and outside). Saturday take down of Auction set up. Record books turn into livestock members or marked tote in poultry barn. Council members will check off as turned in. thank you notes also turned into livestock members Saturday of fair. Ice bottles from home can be put in the freezer in the old horse barn. Please clean and disinfect before putting back into the freezer. Have FUN!

- e. Barn duty times: Allison will post in barns
- f. Council members to check in daily with each other for any issues

e. Next Meeting: September 17th, 2025 7:00 PM Manistee County Road Commission

7. Old business

- a. Check with Walker's Butcher Block: Emily will check in. Ryan will be hauling poultry/rabbits with his trailer this year.

- b. Check with the photographer for arrival times: Allison will follow up.
- c. All set with kids that need accommodations for showing/fair week.
- d. Buyer's dinner all set with Ebels and volunteers, will need help with set up/decorations.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Attendance:** Carl Lacki, Emily Burrus, Jamie Smith, Tobia Purple, Allison Ballard

10. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned @ 11:40AM by Carl .Tobia seconded.