

Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

February Meeting Minutes

February 17th 2026 : Manistee County Road Commission

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by President Carl Lacki

Pledges: Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge

Secretary's Report: Tobi made a motion to accept the minutes. Wolf seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No activity

Public Comment: Elaine Bossingham requested an auctioneer bid be sent to Jim Lambert

Old Business

A. Photography Bids

1. Received bid from Tristyn Klockziem; no cost, all photos on secure link for us to print and put in frames
2. Still accepting bids

B. Judges for 2026 Fair

1. Still looking for Judges for the following: Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Sheep and Beef. -Tobi looking into Swine and sheep judges, Grace looking into Rabbits and poultry, Carl looking into Beef judges.
2. Goat Judge via unanimous agreement from board: Matthew Kennedy

C. Processor Notification

1. Carl working on notifying
-Note the auction and haul out dates

D. Auctioneer Bids

1. Received bid from Bancrofts
2. Tabled picking auctioneer until the next meeting due to waiting for a reply from Jim Lambert.

E. Possession Date Changes

1. Adjusted by moving dates up by 2 weeks, official date changes sent out via email, Dates changed for:
Chickens-Broilers/Fryers, Chickens-Roasters, Ducks, Turkeys-Hens, Turkeys- Toms, Geese, Rabbits-Fryers, Rabbits-Roaster

F. Treasurer Resignation

1. Jamie Smith resigned from the treasurer position via email on December 4th, 2025, it was noted she would still like to be a general member of the board. Tobi made a motion to accept the resignation and the request to be a general board member, Grace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Open Treasurer Position

1. Allison to put out advertisement that the position is vacant
2. Tobi to ask Dodie Putney if any interest in filling the position

H. Steer Tagging

1. All steers officially tagged, will set up next steer check at March meeting

New Business

A. Advertising Butchers

1. Can currently only advertise USDA certified butchers per 4-H rules, working on developing language to make smaller processors known that are not USDA certified

B. Advertising Banners (purchased yearly)

1. Allison has a master list, reminders to purchase are sent out via email in March, follow up phone calls done if no reply.
2. Tobi requested to have NutrienAg sent paperwork to purchase

C. Pullorum Tester for 2026 Fair

1. Allison to reach out to those who did it last year

D. 2026 Grand/Reserve Champion Buckles Update

1. Discussions to switch buckle makers: Two options: Sheridan's and Molly's
2. Sheridan's has a cheaper rate and is more customizable, suggestions made to not include the year on the buckle (to be able to use during the following year if that species not present that year of the fair) and to order for all species
3. Grace to reach out to each company to see turn around time on the quantity of buckles needed

E. Sponsorship Belt Buckles

1. Tobi discussed the possibility of allowing a pre-order option before the fair auction for those that want a buckle, there would be still be the option to buy one during the livestock auction, would be ordering buckles twice per year
2. 19 buckles sold in 2025, 16 in 2024, 21 in 2023

F. Other

1. Unpaid Buckle: West Wind Orchards
2. Allison has list of those that still need plaques, Alaine to Order on behalf of council

Next Meeting: March 17th, 2026 7:00 PM at Manistee County Road Commission

Public Comment: None

Attendance: Elaine Bossingham, Grace Servinski, Alaine Lacki, Carl Lacki, Tobia Purple, Joel Sobkoviak, Samantha Wilkosz, Ann Wilkosz, Allison Ballard, Wolf Bowman, Jamie Smith (via Zoom)

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting ended at 8:30pm. (No official motion made to adjourn)

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Wilkosz



Manistee County 4-H

Judging Bid for 4-H and Open Classes

Manistee County Fair 2026 Dates: 7.28.2026 – 8.1.2026

[X] Yes, I will be able to judge the species selected at the 2026 Manistee County Fair 4-H and Youth Open Classes.

[] Lambs (10a Tuesday)

[] Swine (8a Wednesday)

[X] Goats (1p Tuesday)

[] Rabbits/Cavies (1p Wednesday)

[] Beef/Dairy Cattle (4p Tuesday)

[] Poultry (8a Thursday)

[] No, I am not able to serve as a Judge as requested.

To comply with State 4-H Policy, all contracted judges through 4-H Councils/Committees and paid with 4-H monies MUST BE at minimum a Silver Level screened 4-H Volunteer for this event.

[Redacted signature area]

My fee to Judge is: \$250

Mileage/Travel Reimbursement: 530 miles round trip at \$0.50 per mile = \$265 (Indicate total miles and cents per mile)

Motel Accommodations needed: [Redacted] (Indicate night needed, smoking/non-smoking, etc.)

Meals, Special Requests: [Redacted]

Manistee County 4-H and the Manistee County Fair Board are separate entities.

The Fair Board and Judge will be notified at the same time of accepted Judging Bids.

Please sign and return your response in the envelope provided or via email (you may make a copy for your own records). If you are unable to fulfill this agreement, it is understood that you will provide a qualified substitute recommendation.

Matthew S. Kennedy Signature

1/25/2026 Date

You will receive fair information, including a Fair Book, map, etc. approximately three (3) weeks before the Event via email unless otherwise requested.

Judge, Please Print – Name: Matthew Kennedy

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Best Times to Call: [REDACTED]

Thank you!

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My fee to Judge is: \$200

Mileage/Travel Reimbursement: 400 miles at \$.40 per mile for a total of \$160.00 (Indicate total miles and cents per mile)

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William A Frank
Signature

1/29/26
Date

You will receive fair information, including a Fair Book, map, etc. approximately three (3) weeks before the Event via email unless otherwise requested.

Judge, Please Print – Name: William A Frank

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Best Times to Call: [REDACTED]

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