

Livestock Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Monday, March 2nd, 2026

6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

****DAIRY FEEDER, JR BEEF, LAMB, POULTRY, & GOAT REGISTRATIONS DUE****

1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - Meeting started @ 6:30
 - Sarah Bye Welcome intro about meeting ethics
2. Pledges
 - Pledges completed
3. Roll Call
 - Roll call completed
4. Additions to the Agenda
 - Teen Reps
 - Heather Barley Scholarship
5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Gretchen Sauvage
Second: Clayton Porter
6. Approval of the Minutes from February 2nd

Motion: Shayna Conger
Second: Rick Tallieu
7. Treasurer's Report
 - 2 unclaimed feed grants, violet car/ Rabbits. Olivia Taylor/ Lambs. Olivias given to Clayton Porter to pass on
 - 6 Kids that have not cashed fair checks. If not cashed before the end of March, Check will be voided. Can be re-issued, but a fee will be applied that is required per the bank. Checks that have not been cashed: Kaden Schaub, Lucas Lemcool, Kendall Loomis, Sawyer Burlison, Xander Drazin, Aydia Willey
 - No questions asked
8. Public Comment * - On Agenda Items
 - No public comment
9. Fair Board News
 - Lori Ashley: 159 days until fair. 3 new board members joined fairboard. 2 more positions still open. Looking for sponsors for fair events and can reach out to Carolyn with fair board.
10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

MSU Extension Education/Events

Expo Numbers:

Total Registrants: 411
351 Attendees
85% Attendance Rate!
10-20 on site registrations
658 education credits earned!

Teen Reps:

Please reach out to **President Keri Bancroft** if you are interested in being a **Teen Rep or a Junior Teen Rep**.

Teen Reps plan and host the fun evening events of Fair Week such as the Glow Party and Movie Nights! We meet at 5:30 before most Livestock Council Meetings and fill many youth leadership roles.

- Sponsorship Belt buckle information given. A potential fundraiser opportunity for our fair. Question: do the kids get belt buckles or just sponsors? Ali: The fundraiser goal would be for the grand and reserve to receive a belt buckle, describes how Manistee does theirs.
 - Carley Bancroft speaks about the Auction for the youth Still Project. She has been asked to do the auction. This will be a youth led program.
 - Achievement day, Pre fair Livestock Achievement days to come to prepare for the fair show ring. Registration flyer will be available soon.
 - Carley Bancroft and Holly Heiser talk about MSU exploration days. Talk about all the different opportunities that are available.

-21 new Gold Member Volunteers have signed up

Leaders Association

Gretchen Sauvage: Meeting at Kinglsey Methodist Church about scholarships, this Friday and next.

- Sunday May 17, dinner for Prospective buyers and youth and MSU alumni to speak together and a networking opportunity. Location: Creekside Community Church 4PM, dinner 5PM.

Teen reps:

Holly Heiser: Movie night and glow party night planning in progress

- Teen reps will not be doing cans, stepping back to focus on 2 event nights to limit stress of over planning.

11. Old Business

a. Education Expo

- See numbers listed above.
- 24 sessions all went great

b. Animal Registrations

- Registrations Due by 11:59 tonight: Dairy feeder, Jr Beef, Lamb, Goat.
- Upcoming Registrations: May 4th: Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Rabbit/Cavy. June 1st: Dog

12. New Business

- a. AL Henning – Poultry Barn
 - Current poultry barn is outdated. Need to Bring down barn and make the barn wider and longer with open sides similar to rabbit barn.
 - \$175,000 needed for this project
 - Spebghetti dinner fundraiser at Incredible Mos for the end of April. Looking for silent auction donations for \$25.
 - Kinglsey lumber working with lumber package, excavation time also donated and flooring.
 - Would like to break ground after fair 2026 and have a barn up for 2027.
 - Questions: none
- b. Pen Powder Coating
 - 3 barns, swine, lamb, goat need pens re-powder coated.
 - Quotes presented to Council
 - Council board voted on Wheelock & Sons totaling \$60,390.00

Tammy Nemenskal: asked why pens need to be powder coated. Answered because they are rusty and will not last if not maintained.

Tripple the price for new pens vs getting maintenance done

-Shayna Conger: Animals eating paint chips and getting sick on flaking coating on pens, also color is rubbing off on them.

-Clayton Porter: If steel is not kept protected by powder coating then the pens will ultimately corrode and will not last. Powder coating will make pens last so that we do not have to buy all new pens.

-Beth Stephens: also talks about show only animals chewing on pens and going home sick.

-Fair board has purchased containers in order to store these pens out of the weather for then to last much longer once powder coated.

-Payment would come out of the general fund

Jason Gill makes a motion to complete powder coating on all 3 barns pens:

- **Motion: Jason Gill**
- **Second: Clayton Porter**

Discussion: timeline? Will be completed by fair 2026

All in favor: motion carried.

- **Mark Barley:** Heather Barley Scholarship Information: Started in 2016. As of today \$102,000 given to 21 scholarship recipients.
- Information will be added to Livestock webpage on how to apply. Deadline will be May 4th, 2026.

13. Species Chair Updates

Horse – Mothers day weekend, pony boot camp

Dairy Feeder/Beef – 7 Reg dairy beef, dairy feeder: 32 total, 25 market, 6 show only, 3 cloverbud

Jr Beef – 92 registrations, possession date may 15th. Calves born after Jan 1. Each member may participate in only ONE beef project. They can bring additional animals but can only show one cattle in 4H show. Info regarding additional education credit available on FB page. Practice dates will be scheduled soon. If calls are made to Amanda, please leave VM @ 231-357-0777, Email: Jrbeef4H@iuyahoo.com

Large Beef – 91 registered, 74 market steer, 16 market heifer, 1 show only. Lice prevention is important. Weight check if possible. Should be around 900-1000 and can use weight tapes. Will be dates for hoof trims soon, mid April early may. MI show points starting April 11.

Swine –

165 – Market

2 - Show Only

22 - Cloverbud

11 - Graduating Seniors

13 - Super Seniors

2 - DA

-Seniors- please turn in a 4x6 picture & short bio which we will get added to website.

-Now is the time to get your trailers & barns cleaned and disinfected before picking up your swine.

-Start thinking about what and where you will be getting you feed

-Be prepared as it will make having your project much easier and then allow you to have the time of your life.

-Additional emails will be going out.

Todd Brown: did born by date change?

Yes, Born by date changed for swine: to Dec 1st. Possession date May 1st.

Lamb – 67 registered. Make sure you're on a breeders list. May 1st possession. Born on or after Dec 1st. Virtual tagging again this year, live April 1st-May 1st. Get your workbees scheduled. CDT and overeating shot information needed when picking up your lambs and also get transition feed from breeder. Pens dry and draft free. Shearing and fitting clinics to be scheduled soon. Contact listed on website.

Rabbit/Cavy – Registration is open, and the next show in Michigan is in Evart on 4/11/26.

-Educational emails go out to those who registered last year and those who have registered this year

- We had a successful education expo with Jennifer Colvin and Jen Richardson.

If you would like the education emails or have questions about the education from the expo, please text or email me. My information is on the website under the rabbits and cavy tab.

Poultry – Registration due tonight.

- Production pullets were in possession at the beginning of February
- Currently working with local feed stores to place group orders for market birds
- Emails will be sent out with any and all Poultry News. Please check any and all **emails** with the **Subject: Poultry News 2026**

Remember: Research starting your new chicks.

- Clean water, proper bedding, proper feed for your type of market project, draft free and clean area to start them, heat lamps and so on
- Read the **Policy and Procedure for Poultry** on the livestock website specie specific tab.
- All show birds to be in possession by April 15th
- Sales receipts is required for anything that comes into the barn.

Lynn 231-357- 5132

Gwyn 231-649-0880

Llama/Alpaca – Worming is important right now. Expo went great. Reg due May 4th.

Goat –53 total reg. May 1st possession for market dates. Born after Nov 1st. Keep an eye out for illness. Need to be full meat breed not crosses with dairy, min weight 65lbs. Scrappies tags required for reg/ Not registered animals.

Dog – Register by June 1st.

14. Differently Abled Update

- No new comments

15. Committee Updates

a. Work Bees

- Dates and sign up on Livestock Webpage
- 2025 master sheet to be updated by the next livestock meeting in order to see who still needs to complete workbees. If you completed a

b. Committee Needs

- Need more people to sign up for Auction committee and setup
- Need a group to take over the Photography

16. Public Comment *

- Mary Ann asks to keep Trenton Massey family in prayers
- Todd Brown: No solid banners in swine barn, only mesh material. Wind slits ok
- Mike Barley: mentions road construction on 31 may change the way you can come to future meetings, so keep an eye out.

17. Questions?

- none

18. Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned @7:56
- **Motion: Shannon Baynton**
- **Second: Al Henning**

ROLL CALL:

Club	County	March
A Backyard Bunch	Antrim	
Beef & Bacon		x
Benzie Critters	Benzie	
Benzie Cowabungas	Benzie	
Bits n Grit	Grand Traverse	X
Blueberry Barnyard	Grand Traverse	
Boots & Roots	Grand Traverse	
Caring Critters	Grand Traverse	
Carousel Club	Grand Traverse	X
Country Cousins	Grand Traverse	
Country Kids	Grand Traverse	X
Country Roots	Grand Traverse	X
Crazy Acres	Grand Traverse	X
Crossroad Kids	Benzie	X
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	Grand Traverse	
Dusty Trails		x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	Grand Traverse	X
Farm and Fleece	Grand Traverse	X
Farm and Freedom	Grand Traverse	
Fence & Field	Leelanau	X
Forever Farmin'	Grand Traverse	X
Frontier Quest	Leelanau	X
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	Leelanau	X
Green Acres	Grand Traverse	X
Happy Highlanders	Grand Traverse	X

Happy Hooves	Leelanau	X
Hats N Boots	Grand Traverse	X
Kaleidoscope Kids	Benzie	X
Lake Ann 4-H Livestock Club	Leelanau	X
Leaders and Lopers	Antrim	
Leather-N-Laces	Grand Traverse	X
Legacy Livestock	Grand Traverse	X
Lone Wolves	Grand Traverse	
Long Lake 4-H Livestock	Grand Traverse	X
Maple Ridge	Grand Traverse	X
Misty Meadows	Grand Traverse	
Northern Lights	Grand Traverse	X
Northwest Classy K-9's	Grand Traverse	X
Pen Pals	Grand Traverse	X
Pony Pals 4-H	Leelanau	
Proclites	Leelanau	X
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	Grand Traverse	X
Rickety Ranchers	Grand Traverse	X
Round About Wranglers	Grand Traverse	
Showtime	Grand Traverse	X
Small Town Farmers	Leelanau	
Sunshine Acres	Grand Traverse	X
TC Hooves and Wings	Grand Traverse	
Too Goat to Be True	Grand Traverse	X
Twin Lakes	Grand Traverse	X
Two By Two	Leelanau	
Walnut Acres	Grand Traverse	

Windy Acres	Grand Traverse	X
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