



# Livestock Council Meeting

## DRAFT Minutes

Monday, April 6th, 2026

6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church



1. Welcome & Call to Order
  - Meeting started @ 6:32 PM
2. Pledges – Teen Reps
  - Pledges completed
3. Roll Call – Teen Reps
  - See attendance below
4. Additions to the Agenda
  - Additions made
5. Approval of the Agenda
  - **Motion to approve: Shayna Conger**
  - **Second: Gretchen Sauvage**
6. Approval of the Minutes from March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - **Motion to approve: Greg Bancroft**
  - **Second: Katrina Gross**
7. Treasurer's Report
  - Reports have been sent out from livestock email. Print outs also available at time of meeting
  - Amount in bank account as of March
8. Public Comment \* - On Agenda Items
  - No public comment
9. Fair Board News
  - Tom Looks: 124 days until fair. Updated website to be out soon.
10. 4-H Staff Spotlight
  - MSU Extension Education/Events – Tanner Building Exhibits

### Antrim

1. Chick Hatch Along (Embryology)
2. Dyeing with Natural Dyes

### Benzie

1. 4-H Day at Flint fields Horse Park is June 6th, 2026!!!!  
Leelanau
1. Still Projects
2. Tractor Safety- Instructional days: April 26, May 3, and May 17 from 4 to 6 p.m.
3. 4-H Day on the inland seas- July 14 ~ 3 Hour Morning Sail!
4. Pre-fair 4-H livestock achievement shows! Myles Kimberly. June 13 and June 20.

### 4-H Still Projects

To participate with-in the 4-H still projects youth must follow 4-H Staff posted 4-H guidelines and procedures see link below: Still Project Exhibit Policy and Guidelines!

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/leelanau/leelanau\\_county\\_4\\_h/northwestern-michigan-fair-still-exhibits](https://www.canr.msu.edu/leelanau/leelanau_county_4_h/northwestern-michigan-fair-still-exhibits)

**Leadership Association:** Meet the buyers

**Teen Rep Report:** Making movie night and glow party finalizations for fair.

11. Old Business

- a. Education Expo – 85% attendance per those who were registered. Cost \$6878.12. Survey states that attendees want to continue
- b. Pen Powder Coating – Wheelock and son will be starting process to haul pens out to powder coat. Will be done one barn at a time, once the weather is appropriate.

## 12. New Business

- a. Cattle Sound System Quote – A new quote received regarding sound system. For the Haberlein Arena, Calf Barn, Steer Barn, and Wash Rack to be done, total cost is \$25,972.36 Suggested by the Council that all be completed at once.
  - **Motion to complete all sound systems at once: Gretchen Sauvage**
  - **Second: Mark Barley**
  - **All in favor, YES. Motion Passed**

**Discussion: Does it transmit to Rosa Arean. Not sure but will check**

- b. Name Tags – Link on Website \$12
- c. Beth Stephens: Emmet County 4H clinic for small animals, Rabbits Guinea Pigs and poultry AM is free, then break for lunch. After lunch a \$10 fee per show for showmanship. Clinic has been posted to the FB Page for registration.  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

## 13. Species Chair Updates

### Horse –

- Make appt for coggins.
- Horse and Pony boot camp Mothers day weekend
- Registrations due May 4th

### Large/Dairy Feeder –

- 7 Large Dairy Market, 32 dairy feeders, 25 market, 3 cloverbuds.
- Watch animals in the up and down weather.
- Fresh bedding and water

### Jr Beef –

- Current Numbers: 87 total, 29 Cloverbud, 48 Market, 10 Show only
- Reminder that if you are enrolled in more than one 4-H cattle project you must declare which project you will be showing by the NWMI Fair registration deadline.
- Cattle Program Change for 2026:
  - Project Limit -Each 4 H member may participate in one (1) 4-H cattle project Dairy Beef, Dairy Feeder, Jr. Beef or Large Beef.
  - Additional Animals -Any additional cattle owned by the 4- H member(s) may still be shown, but only in the Open Class divisions of the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
  - Project Declaration -Members must declare their official 4-H cattle project to their species chair by the registration deadline of the Northwestern Michigan Fair. All other 4-H cattle project registrations must be withdrawn before the fair registration deadline.
- Possession date is May 15 th and tagging will take place in June. Junior beef calves must be 100% beef breed (no dairy/beef crosses) and born after Jan 1 st of this year. (Smaller/Mini breeds such as dexter and highland cattle may only be used for cloverbud and show only projects, as they cannot be used in the large beef program.) Please reach out if you have a question about the breed of the calf you are looking at.
- Make sure you have your supplies and stall ready before bringing your calf home.
- The Calf should have an RFID tag from the farm you are purchasing it from.
- A twin heifer to a bull calf is called a freemartin and is often unable to be bred
- Ask your breeder about any vaccines give: calves must be vaccinated for: Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3), and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV). If they received vaccines,

- you will need the information for the health recoded needed to unload at fair. If the calf is not vaccinated by the breeder, it will be your responsibility to get it completed before coming to fair.
- Not all beef breeds are naturally polled, calves that have horns need to be dehorned at least 2 weeks before fair. Horns cannot exceed 3 inches long.
  - Calf can be a heifer or a steer. Heifer calves will be judged in their own market class or Junior beef steer calves must be properly castrated, and the castration site should look healthy with no signs of swelling, discharge or decay upon check in at fair. This should be completed at least 4-5 weeks before the fair to ensure proper healing time.
  - There is a minimum weight of 300 and a Max weight of 700. Under or over this amount at fair weight in you will not be able to participate in market but can still show in show only and open classes.
  - Education is due June 30 th so please get that turned in before then. There are options on the website along with MI cattleman show series starting back up.

Reach out with any questions

Amanda Wilkins

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### **\*\*Work Bee:\*\***

All 4-her 8-19 are required to complete a one-hour fairground work bee to bring your animal to the fair. There is a signup genius link on the on the website to sign up.

I have updated the master list with work bee credits that were to be carried over to this your due to not being able to hold work bees last year until last minute.

The first work bee is coming up May 2 nd 9a to 10a and 2p-3p This one will be a lot of raking leaves and debris clean up so bring tools you would use to do yard clean up at home. Also you never know what the weather will be like so dress appropriately for the weather conditions that day,

May 13 th , June 16 th and July 22 6=7:30p

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### **Large Beef –**

- 90 – Registered
- 73 - Market Steer
- 16 - Market Heifer
- 1 - Show only
- Hoof Trimming:
- April 18th (For those that are in need) July 11<sup>th</sup>
- No Bull Hoof Care - \$30 per head, emailed sign-up genius
- Animal Health:
- With the up and down weather temp and change in conditions keep an eye for any behavioral changes that might indicated illness.
- Upcoming Education:
- All credits are up to date on the google sheet
- There will be a show every weekend until June 21st
- Heart of MI, April 25, Reed City
- Middle of the Mitten, April 26, Midland County Fairgrounds
- Clare County Fair, May 2, Clare County Fairgrounds
- Local Cherry Capital on May 17th, Registration is open
- Senior Scholarships
- Heather Barley Due May 4th (Next LC Meeting)
- Johnson Foundation Due May 15th

### **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.
- These next 4 days is your queue to get ready for your projects- cleaning and preparing the trailers & barn. Many cute piggy's will be picked up in the coming weekends. Good idea to take the health record paperwork with you so you can ask your breeder all the shot questions while on site. Some will provide a copy already completed for you. Prepare yourself – have feed all bought ready to go. Feeders disinfected, water source cleaned and set up. If you have any drops in your club please let us know as soon as possible.
- Tagging Form-Google form is on the Facebook page and the Livestockwebsite-under specie. Tagging is due by May 15th . If tagging a 2nd pig please bring your \$10.00 (payable by check or cash only) to the May meeting or feel free to mail your check to: Northwestern Michigan 4-H Livestock Council: PO Box 134, Grawn, MI 49637

#### **Lamb –**

- We have a total of 67 registered participants, 55 Market lambs, 1 Show Only, and 11 Cloverbuds!
- We have 4 2026 graduating seniors which I will need a Bio and Senior picture By June 22nd
- Possession day is May 1st 2026, youth must have possession of their lamb(s) by this date.
- Minimum weight to Market is 100lb, no Maximum weight.
- Virtual tagging link is live on Facebook page and will be on the website and an email will be sent out. This is for the scrapie's tag and verify possession. Due by May 1st . We will still tag with the livestock council tags.
- Back up lambs can be tagged for \$10 paid to the council by June 1st, back up lambs can only be used in the same family.
- When picking up lambs make sure the pens are clean and draft free. Make sure they have their scrapie's tag and cdt and over eating shots which is required for health form form to drop off at fair.
- Hoping to get shearing clinics scheduled, will update when those are available.
- Education credits due by June 30th and shows around Michigan are posted on our website and shared on facebook page.
- Any questions reach out. Shayna Conger, (231)357-6898

#### **Rabbit/Cavy –**

- Registration Closes May 4<sup>th</sup>Cavy - 3 Registered
- Rabbit - 46 Registered
- Show Only – 25
- Seniors – 3
- Cloverbud – 10
- Market – 11
- Rabbit Show in Ewart on the 11th.
- Small Animal Clinic & Show on the 23rd.
- If you have questions please text/email me.
- An email will be going out tonight with more information.

#### **Poultry –**

- Turkeys orders have been placed with Tractor Supply and will be delivered the week of April 20th.
- Watch for an Email to place your order for Meat Chickens, delivery the week of June 8th and Meat Ducks the week of June 1st..
- Games hen pen orders can be submitted also, delivery the week of July 13th
- All orders will be through Tractor Supply, Chum's Corners.
- Feel free to order your own Market Meat project, please research hatcheries and PLEASE read the guidelines, policies and procedures on the Livestock website.

- Receipt with date of purchase is required as proof of possession date, pullorum free hatchery, and admission to the Fair in August.
  - Research equipment needed, set up and feed requirements for the Market project. Do not free range any poultry market project.
  - Protect your birds during the weather changes.
  - Lynn at [4hchickenqueen@gmail.com](mailto:4hchickenqueen@gmail.com). Cell: 213-357-5132 Leave message with your name and best number for contacting you.
- Spaghetti Dinner for the Poultry Barn fundraiser will be at Incredible Mos, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-8PM with a Silent Auction.

#### Llama/Alpaca –

- Registrations due next month. Watch your animals with this up and down weather.

#### Goat –

- 60 registered participants: 12 market, 36 show only, 12 cloverbuds, 3 seniors.
- Market Project Possession date is May 1st.
- If you have brought your project home already or will be here soon, please keep a close eye on them for sickness. The weather this time of year is all over the place with temperatures, so you need to be paying extra attention to them.
- Market Projects must be born on or after Nov. 1st 2025 and be a full meat breed or meat breed crosses (no meat/dairy breed crosses).
- You should have already reserved your project by now but if you're having trouble finding a market project, please reach out to me ASAP and I can help you locate one.
- Minimum weight for market projects is still 65 pounds.
- You can tag a backup market project for a \$10 fee. We will reach out to schedule tagging after possession date.
- Make sure your project has an official USDA scapie tag. This is for all projects, market and show only animals, registered or not. If you have questions about scrapie tags or tattoos please reach out to me asap, don't wait till the last minute.
- As always, I can be reached by phone, text or email: (231) 883-2002 or [info@luckyfarmsmi.com](mailto:info@luckyfarmsmi.com)

#### Dog –

- Registrations in June

#### 14. Differently Abled Update

- No update

#### 15. Committee Updates

##### a. Workbees

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10, 2-3 dress appropriately, tools for yard clean up. Sign up genius on website. May 13, June 16, July 22, dates and times listed on Website.
- Master list for workbee credits have been updated

##### b. Photography

Two quotes sent for photography to Winborn and rolling meadows.

#### 16. MSU:

- Tax information regarding the fact that 4H children must submit a 10-99(W-9) Tax form if the child receives more than \$2000 for the sale of their animal.
- IRS requires MSU to report all payments made over \$2000
- All 4H youth will be required prior to youth livestock auction through a secure system. MSU will be using Fair Entry System.(Same program that still life auction will be submitted) More information on who to do this will be released in the future.
- Families must consult a Tax professional with questions regarding a child's tax status.
- **Questions: contact your MSU Extension with questions**

Mark Barley: Record books have been used for profit and loss in the past, will that be

MSU: Keep all receipts because record books will not be able to be used

Rick Tallieu: Why is MSU doing this now when kids already have their market animals?

MSU identified a GAP in reporting and is required to be doing this now per a new legislation that was passed.

Todd Brown: Could the minors taxes be filed on parents taxes?

MSU: That is a tax professionals question.

Amanda Wilkens: Cant market if these forms are not turned in

MSU: system managed by MSU staff, deadline is not determined yet.

MSU: Paper forms can be submitted if you physically visit the MSU extension office if you do not want to do it online.

17. Public Comment\*

- No public comment

18. Questions?

- No questions

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:39

**Motion: Sonya Youker**

**Second: Kayla Kreiser**