Livestock Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026
6:30pm – Northwest Michigan Fair Grounds

1. Welcome & Call to Order
   - Meeting started at 6:39
2. Pledges
   - Pledges completed
3. Roll Call
   - Roll call completed
4. Additions to the Agenda
   - none
5. Approval of the Agenda

   Motion: Gretchen Sauvage
   Second:Beth Stephens
   All in favor: Yes

6. Approval of the Minutes from June 1,2026

   Motion: Shannon Baynton
   Second: Al Henning
   All in favor: yes

7. Treasurer's Report
   - 1250014.39 current balance. All Current financials listed on Livestock Webpage.
   - Number of project giveaways not claimed yet. Please contact Randy with this info ASAP.
8. Public Comment *
   - No public comment
9. Fair Board News
   - Tom Looks: 48 days until fair. All registrations due July 1st. Stephanie Bugai is the newest fair board member. Currently 20 spots filled. November voting to join the fair board. Looking for shuttle drivers for 2026 fair, contact Erica.
   - Registration issue on line. Forest Area Credit Union and TC Catholic credit union not being accepted on fair registrations, please contact fair board if this does not go through.
   - Email or contact for issues regarding registration issues. Email general fair gmail.

10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

MSU Extension Education/Events

Still Exhibits – Tanner Building Exhibits

New Business:

Calf raffle can no longer continue through 4H for 2026.

Fair board has decided to continue the calf giveaway under their rules and guidelines

Federal guidelines rules through MSU, giveaway called a raffle however 4H rules can not do raffles of "games of chance" in financial guidelines. Also considering that the 4H Livestock council may no longer be able to uphold the rules of checking on animal through 2027.

Member questions the games of chance, because no raffle ticket is purchased and the project is not for fundraising purposes.

MSU states that it can no longer happen due to their financial guidelines.

Project sponsorship can also not be given this year because it is also a drawing

11. Old Business

a. Status of funds approved to spend

- Approved funds for the sound system. The Fair board has taken this over and they will complete it.

- Approved funds to powder coat pens which has currently been halted through the livestock council by MSU.
  Decision made in good faith to complete them before the announcement regarding 4H from fair board.

  Member questions where we will put the animals
  MSU : Working to come to resolution for the pen project
  Date on resolved issue?
  MSU: We are working on it, as we have to pause and look at things to get more additional information.
  Why pause if its authorized?
  MSU: Things were done in the spring in good faith but new information arose which caused the pause and MSU rules and procedures have to be followed.
  Keep repeating yourself and haven't answered the questions
  MSU: Conversations are ongoing

  Kayce: What is your plan, pens are not safe for use, Wheelocks is also out this money for now.

MSU: We need additional information

Kayce: Pens are burned and baked, and what is removed from the metal is considered toxic hazardous waste.
32 11 foot panels
39 doors

Joe: Have you contacted the professional that would know if the pens are safe to use?
MSU: we are acting on the responses of our team

Member: Bylaws state MSU has the ability to Veto a decision at the time the decision is made, not after is voted on. MSU needs to claim responsibility and get these done. If not, can we rent pens?
MSU: ongoing discussions are going on.
Can Pens be rented?
MSU: all possible solutions are in discussion.

Shayna: States she asked for straight answers regarding these same questions at board meeting and no answer was given.

Elaine Tayholme: A Motion was brought to this council and voted on and expresses concerns that it was 1 month before fair before a decision was made by MSU to halt this project and how this is not ok to do to these kids.

Daryl: If we cant get pens here for fair and MSU won't tell if we can rent them and can't pay Wheelocks, what is the plan?

What is your plan, Asked again by multiple people:
MSU: states they are still reviewing information

Member: Will MSU pay Wheelocks for the work that is already done?
MSU: Again, there were things that are in progress and we are waiting on additional information.
People ask for a date for an answer:
MSU does not have a deadline date.

Member: How do you have the right to halt funds?
MSU: all 4H groups are a part of MSU per IRS guidelines for general exemption number.

Member: Goal of 4H is to teach kids hard work, honesty, integrity. When decision was made and voted on with MSU in the room. Asks again, that MSU own up and to claim that they need to follow through with this.

MSU: Doesn't answer

Member: If Fair board wouldn't of announced the separation before 2026 fair, would this be an issue today?
MSU: doesn't answer

Member: Will you answer our questions?
MSU: states that a lot of these questions have already been asked and I have no new answers.

Member: Why was this a closed door decisions?
MSU: no answer
Whos we?
MSU:No answer

Member: Who can we contact as a group about this?
MSU: Your welcome to email me (Kristie Oosterhouse)

Member: states another contact is Jody Schultz@msu.edu

Any tangible goods can be purchased for this years fair with funds. But anything that can be used past 2026 can not be purchased.

Member: On behalf of a swine farm and for MSU to sit up here and tell us that this is for the kids, this is just unacceptable

Livestock Council Board is asking MSU for a formal request to immediately engage MSU supervisors. We will put this in writing if needed.

b. Education Due June 30

Contact specie chairs if you need to complete yours and are unsure how

c. Band App

Band app will be posted online soon

d. 1099 Filing Requirements

Info on how to register is on the webpage

e. Pen Set Ups – 7/22/26

Please come help set pens up

f. Final Fair Schedule

Printed at meeting tonight and will be posted online soon

g. Blood Drive

   Tuesday 9-1
   Friday 9-330

h. Barn Decorations – 250th Anniversary Campsite Contest

Species Chair Updates

Goat – Make sure animals are wormed according to withdrawal dates before fair. Keep fresh water.

Dog – no update

Rabbit/Cavy – Keep water fresh and help reduce stress during hot days. Tattoo clinic will be at fair grounds, email to come out soon.

Large Beef – Hoof trimming July 11th and the scale will be back open then. July 19th Practice. Seniors send in bios. 2027, current possession and animal birthdates will remain the same

Poultry – Figuring out pen assignments and a poultry clinic will take place at fair grounds with email info to be sent out soon.

Dairy Beef/Feeder – Almost done tagging, make sure worming schedule aligns with fair dates.

Horse – no update

Lamb – Contact Shayna if you still need you lamb sheard. Clinic July 22.

Jr Beef – Will be finishing up tagging soon. Please finalize your market beef project if you are bringing more than one beef project to fair.

Llama/Alpaca – June 28: 5-7, 5-6 showmanship and 6-7 fiber clinic

Swine – Should be weighing animal. July 4th should be the last worming. Bring your own waters system to fair. Make sure your out walking also.

11. Differently Abled

- Beth has record books printed with special pages and stickers if needed. See her to receive yours

12. Committee Reports Reporting Committees:

Non-Reporting Committees:

Auction – Need gold level volunteers to help with auction. To help with paperwork laptops and ring masters.

Auction Refreshments – sign up genius is out, will email it out and it will be posted to the website.

Buyers Lunch – 80% of the donations have been received that have been asked for

Cherry Festival Parade – July 9, city garage 430. Head to parking spot at 515. Parade starts at 630

Fun Saturday – all good

Fun Classes – all good

4H Dance – $400 donation from culvers for dance

Showmanship Showdown – all good

Photography – Mike Winborne to do all pictures for every species. Cattle pictures will be after auction like previous years. 1- 5x7 picture and a link to download additional pictures. $13 day of for show only animals.

Auction Ring Set-Up–

Cloverbud Fair Week Activities –

Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down –

Pizza Party -

13. New Business

Health Forms –2 Forms Required, Forms listed on webpage under species. Must have both forms to check animals in.

4H Wrist Bands: Saturday night outside before the mandatory meeting. Siblings must be present with family to get 4H wristbands.

Public Comment *

Al Henning: Still working on new poultry barn. $350 you can purchase a rafter sponsorship, and you will get a plague on the rafter.

- Questions?

No Questions

Motion to Adjourn: Shayna Conger
Second: Joe Hubbell

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58

Attendance:

Club	June/ June
A Backyard Bunch	xx
Beef & Bacon	xx
Benzie Critters	
Benzie Cowabungas	xx

Bits n Grit	xx
Blueberry Barnyard	
Boots & Roots	
Caring Critters	
Carousel Club	xx
Country Cousins	
Country Kids	xx
Country Roots	xx
Crazy Acres	xx
Crossroad Kids	
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	
Dusty Trails	xx
Excalibur Mazkaraders	
Farm and Fleece	xx
Farm and Freedom	xx
Fence & Field	xx
Forever Farmin'	xx
Frontier Quest	
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	xx
Green Acres	
Happy Highlanders	xx
Happy Hooves	xx
Hats N Boots	xx
Hearts Helping Hands	xx
Kaleidoscope Kids	
Lake Ann 4-H Livestock Club	xx
Leaders and Lopers	

Leather-N-Laces	xx
Legacy Livestock	xx
Liberty Livestock	
Lone Wolves	
Long Lake 4-H Livestock	xx
Maple Ridge	xx
Misty Meadows	
Northern Lights	xx
Northwest Classy K-9's	xx
Pen Pals	xx
Pony Pals 4-H	
Proclites	xx
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	
Rickety Ranchers	xx
Round About Wranglers	xx
Showtime	xx
Small Town Farmers	xx
Sunshine Acres	xx
TC Hooves and Wings	xx
Too Goat to Be True	xx
Twin Lakes	xx
Two By Two	x
Walnut Acres	xx
Windy Acres	xx