Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
6:30pm – Bancroft Farm

- Meeting called to order at 7pm.
- **Board Members Present:** Keri Bancroft, Shayna Conger, Faith Grose, Katrina Grose, Nicki Brown.
- **Specie Chairs Present:** Lynn Henning, Haven Bouwens, Crystal Breithaupt, Amanda Wilkins, Kathy Easter, Beth Stevens, Gretchen Savage, Gwyn Carter, Lisa Ralph, Rick Tallieu, Jen Davis, Greg Bancroft, Clayton Porter.
- **MSU Representative Present:** Sarah Bye, Ali Ballard, Danny Schaub.

- Meetings with superintendents, details being worked out.
- Keri will send an email to specie chairs to arrange once theres more info, this is to discuss program changes.
- November 1st required tagging/ weigh-in at the fairgrounds for large dairy and large beef projects.
- By-law & specie chair applications due September 8th (several positions open)
- E-board all open positions except president, applications due October meeting.
- By-Law Proposals email to Keri.

- After Fair wrap up
- Get Barn needs to board ASAP for the budget.
    - Llama/Alpaca
        - Good week, shows good, and good animal health.
    - Lambs
        - Good week, changes to program went well.
        - Clayton has a list from a end of fair meeting he did with the youth and families following the award ceremony.
        - Lambs/Goats need tags for 2026 and future.
    - Rabbits
        - Hot wwe, more airflow needed.
        - A barn need list will get done and turned in.
    - Sarah GT County
        - It was great! Thank you everyone.
        - Need more Teen Reps.
        - Ideas- Make a calendar for the Teen Reps next year.
    - Danny Leelanau County
        - It was good.
    - Ali Benzie County

        - Good Job Faith,Very organized.
        - It was pleasant and uneventful best year yet.
    - DA Program
        - Went well, all kids were at the show.
        - New speaker needed(already on the list for next year)
        - Look at sunday schedule maybe change from the tent.
        - Monday, conflict with poultry and rabbit show.
    - Dairy Feeder/Large Dairy
        - Smooth/good week.
        - Shows went great.
        - Photo issue, will have to look at for next year.
        - Lottery draw/ Top 15 went great.
        - 5 anticipated Large dairy for next year.
    - Swine
        - Haul in for 2026, change to end at 9am.
        - Tagging is being looked at to maybe revamp for 2026.
        - Asking for sooner confirmed weight sheet, Could it be electronic?
        - All day show went great
        - Photos went great.
        - Auction was great, need more board people fork next year.
        - Looking at maybe randomizing pen placements for clubs to help rotate through the barn.
        - Showmanship Show Down, can we have the meeting on the fair schedule?
        - Saturday went great.
        - Trucking sheet, can those go to Specie chairs next year?
        - Maybe do a barn meeting to hand them to families in barn quicker?
        - The final walk went great, load out as well.
    - Large Beef
        - Maybe haul in for 2026, change to end at 10am
        - Only 1 under weight with the 1,00lbs min.
        - Kids wanted to know their auction number so looking at for next year.
        - Some CIDRS left but might need supplies for 2026 depending on numbers.
        - Practice went great, Shows went great.
        - Kids prepped in JR Beef wash rack, Looking at for 2026, youths responsibility for making it to their show on time.
        - Class slide was last minutes but went great.
        - Auction was good.
        - Need to refine lining up for market
        - Photos need some adjusting (time/day) banners,backdrop, and location revamp.
        - Can there be a self pick up document to check when loading out?
        - Peewee show in discussion with the fairboard too.

        - Overall good week.
    - JR Beef
        - Good week.
        - Cut down load in time as well.
        - Showtimes were good.
        - Need pop ups for staging area.
        - Photo issue as well need to revamp but they were nice not doing at auction.
        - Power/fan issue issue went fine with team work in the barn.
        - Move self pick up to 8am?
        - Maybe get feed back to RRR & Swicks to get more haulers also shorten haul out deadline.
        - Maybe eliminate super seniors for 4-H Jr Beef Shows.
    - Sarah Bye brought up that hosting animals the person should be a gold level volunteer.
    - Even a family member has to be a gold level volunteer to house the animal for the youth.
    - Is there a policy book we can refer to?
    - Ali: there isn't always a “Forward Facing Sheet”.
    - We need more information and discussion on this topic. Revisit again.
    - Poultry
        - More air flow but talking to the Fair board about this already.
        - Maybe use the Green space tent for CB show.
        - Maybe change to 1 male, 1 female for turkey projects. (A lot of bird fights)
        - All trucking slips to specie chairs in 2026 please.
    - Buyer recognition during auction was missing and we need to revisit that for 2026.
    - Ad in Record Eagle & Facebook will be done for Grand and reserves. (looking at a video for social media)
    - Issue with underweight advertising on the grounds also slipping business cards in the buyers snack bags.*
    - Maybe look at the wording for the under/over weights, make it more clear.
    - Dog
    - Long winded judge,pushed lamb practice back.
    - Keri: Great week, ran smoothly.
    - Thank you everyone!!
    - No other comments
    - Adjourned at 8:52pm