Livestock Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 15th, 2026

6:30pm – Grawn United Methodist

Meeting Started @ 6:45PM

Fair Schedule:

Updated after last meeting, Going out to membership with agenda next week for Livestock Council Meeting.

Committees:

- Keri is currently contacting to make sure everyone has what they need. No photographer currently, still waiting on bids to return.
- Contact Keri with any barn needs that you need. She's been told anything that can be used after this year, can not be purchased with LSC budget. Fair Board asked for a list of things that are needed for the barns and they will purchase them if needed.
- MSU Clarifies that the use of these items will need to be known past 2026 if purchased. If items will be used by year end they can still be spent out of the budget. Items lasting longer than the year end, need further discussion on being purchasing.

Discussion regarding purchases like barn equipment, shovels, brooms, rakes and why we can't purchase this for the kids this year. MSU discusses this and states that anything not used up by the end of the year should not be purchased.

MSU asks for an inventory list to be made for each barn and the items purchased by LSC Funds.

Shayna states she was told in the past that that barns can not have individual inventory and that all inventory needs to be through a 4H club.

MSU States this is not the case and that the barns should have inventory lists.

4H Awards program:

Do not have secure donations for prizes. Current committee is not getting donations as needed. Also lost prizes from tractor supply. Discussion on what awards will be ready for end of fair awards ceremony.

Discussion on how to approve to spend LSC funds. The amount needed for award prizes is currently not in the budget.

Appropriate amount $500-$1000 for awards.

- All in favor of this amount. YES

Keri and Randy will look up if it can come from a previous budget that is not used up, Or if it will need to be voted on at the next LSC meeting.

Treasurer:

- Asking for specie spreadsheets to be given back to Hannah ASAP so that she can get show works and tags ready.
- Buyers awards, senior plaques, ribbons, name tags are all ordered.

Growing talk from people on holding a special meeting to address bylaw regarding 4% of funds taken from the children's auction projects. Members want to know if this bylaw can be amended or removed for 2026. LSC Board agree that this bylaw should be suspended for 2026.

MSU asks why this would be needed.

Discussions about the uncertainty of the future of the Livestock Council and MSU involvement regarding spending funds earned by the 4H auction projects. Concerns stated that it is unfair to take money from 4Hers checks when we don't know where this money is going to be able to be spent in 2027.

Where will the money in the LSC fund go now if the LSC disbands after this year?

MSU: All that money will be dispersed through the MSU county extensions for the areas extensions needs, pending on how many 4Hers are in each county.

If there is some form of LSC next year, it will be different but the money would stay with the LSC and not dispersed across the counties.

MSU urges that a special meeting wait.

$124,794.39 current LSC Funds

What is needed for this special meeting. A Quorum created with 1%0 of membership present in order to vote to cancel bylaw for commission taken from auction checks

Who can vote: 4H Online registered, Gold Level Volunteer, Any 4Her, in good standing.

Discussion on adding Commission Topic to Julys agenda.

LSC requests MSU to prepared to tally who can vote and who can't.

MSU Needs time to run by superior because our bylaws are only voted on in Sep. For special meeting, MSU has to verify if it can be held regarding bylaw change outside of September, voted on in November.

Swine Pens:

Half are at Wheelocks still with no paint, raw steal and rust. Wheelocks states these are unsafe for use.

Thursday at Fair Board meeting, the Fair Board has announced that 15 years ago they hold the invoices that the pens were purchased by them.

LSC: Why is there a problem right now when MSU was present at LSC meetings regarding pens?

MSU: voting occurred under assumption that the LSC owned pens. Upon knowledge of finding out the Fair Board owns the pens they have to go through all documentation before they can move forward.

LSC: We've always worked in conjunction with the fair board in maintaining the equipment that we used at the fair including barns.

Specie chairs discuss how the kids know that their money earned was supposed to go to paying for these pens to be completed. And that it's the responsible thing to complete this for the kids in good faith of what they voted on.

Mary Anne speaks on how she knows 15 years ago in the past the fair actually loaned the remainder of the funds needed for these pens and the fair charged $15 a pen until these pens were paid off.

MSU States they have a responsibility to make sure they are good stewards with the LSC money. They have to follow their federal financial guidelines in how funds are spent.

LSC: Bottome line is, how do we get these pens back to fair before fair in 55 days?

MSU: we are aware of this and are working as fast as possible regarding this matter.

Total for swine pens approx $37,000. What they have right now is 18,000 to complete.

Keri mentions Article 3 of LSC bylaws states we can pay for maintenance of items used for events.

Randy asks if we can rent pens from another fair in MI?

Kristi answers that they are working on this as fast as possible and will keep in close contact with LSC regarding a back up plan. No back up plan in place at this time and MSU states they will let us know as we get closer to fair.

LSC asks for something now to help determine what this back up plan may be.

MSU can not move forward with an answer for pens until a full inventory is completed. Will not have and answer until then.

Kathy Easter asks if we find the private money to pay for these, can we have them completed and brought to the fair?

MSU states a donor will need to contact MSU to pay for these or else they will go to the fair and not be able to be used by 4H.

LSC: Can an anonymous person pay for this?

MSU advises no.

Livestock Board agrees that this bylaw should be suspended this year.

MSU: we can not discuss this further until superiors are contacting about this.

Sound System:

Fair Board decided to cover sound system invoice and will be refunding the down payment to the LSC, so that the Fair Board will own the sound system out right.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Questions arise on decisions being made and not in writing for the last 2 years regarding MSU guidelines. And how nothing in writing is ever given back to the LSC.

We ask that MSU provide LSC with some written guidelines on how to answer peoples questions about what is happening.

No answers given at this time.

LSC expresses to MSU how restricted things have become and how it falls onto the LSC and not MSU and that's why we need some answers. LSC expresses concerns on how volunteers are not treated appropriately and how its unethical to not be able to spend LSC funds for our needs and voted on projects.

AUCTION:

Looking for auction volunteers for this year. All volunteers have to be gold level.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37
Motion: Rick Tallieu
Seconded by: Gretchen Sauvage