



Cassia County 4-H Volunteer Council Meeting

9/17/2024

FCS Meeting 6 p.m., General Meeting 7:30 p.m. with specie to follow.

All meetings upstairs in the Commissioners' Chambers

1. FCS

- a. Fair!!!
- b. 2025 Fair Dates: August 8-16, 2025
- c. What was good at fair this year? **Weather was great, ribbon writing by judge's helpers and placement with project in booths was fantastic, quiz bowl was super fun**
- d. Awards Ceremony
 - i. How did it go? **Great!**
 - ii. Changes needed? **Start ½ hour later (7:00) to make it easier for youth from outlying communities to come after sports practices. Contact youth who are getting awards (4-C's Treasures of 4-h)**
 - iii. 2025 Committee names (name submitted by ballot) **Voting by ballot per club for awards comm., executive comm., superintendents (FCS)**
- e. Interviews
 - i. Rubric – go over
- f. Project check-in day and judging day: Project check-in for 2025 will be Friday, August 15th from 4-7 p.m. (Interviews will happen at this time) and projects will be judged on Saturday morning. **Foods can come on Friday evening or Saturday morning between 7 and 8. Judging starts at 9:00 AM. Decorate the booth Thursday evening or Friday morning.**
- g. Names to suggest for superintendents to be done by ballot
- h. Pick up remaining awards: volunteers & parents please check to see if any of your club members have awards here tonight. If so, please take them and get them to your club members.
- i. Other **Checklist on the rubric-if it has no checklist, that can cause a huge point drop. Make the checklist worth less? Clarify to judges what projects don't have checklists?**
Self-determined project needs some attention.
Look to bring back Nifty but Thrifty, Vintaged, Consumer In Me projects.
- j. Items to be discussed at the October meeting? **Record books...always record books. Could Cassia "pilot" a new book/portfolio including demonstrations, Reflective Questions, Project evaluation, story (optional)? Should we be using the Involvement Report? Definitely question to ponder in preparation for the October meeting.**

The office might look into making some adjustments so the learning is project-focused instead of curriculum-focused. Possibly starting with cooking or sewing.

General Meeting Agenda Topics

1. Call to Order: President Dan Gammon
2. Pledges & Introductions **Were said**
3. Minutes – Ratify (June minutes can be found on Cassia County 4-H Website or on the Band App): Kimberlee Harris **Motion to accept-Shawna Adams 2nd-MacKenzie Priest Voted and passed as written**

4. Treasurer's Report: Kristina Haymore Account Balances: \$19,854.56 (lots of outstanding checks) **Motion to accept-Alesha Samples 2nd-Sally Ottley Voted and passed**
- a. Bully Barn Fundraiser: Brought in \$3,780.00. \$2,835.00 will go to the fair foundation and \$945 will remain in volunteer council's account for scholarships
 - b. Pop Booth: Linda Holt
 - i. Spent - \$4,448.35
 - ii. Brought in - \$2,873.90
 - 1. After fair Sales - \$355
 - iii. Lost
 - 1. \$100 candy which melted or ruined
 - 2. \$330 drinks for kids in booth
 - 3. \$550 ice costs

Much discussion about the pop booth. Will be on the October agenda. The Holt family has done a fantastic job with the pop booth!!! Thank you to the whole family for all of your work to make that happen year after year. It is a challenge to staff the booth and their family often steps in and takes extra shifts in order to keep things covered. Because the candy and pop prices can fluctuate so much and people are so busy at the fair, there was discussion to abandon the booth and focus just on the bully barn raffle as that looks like it will be a continuing fundraiser.

Motion was made to abandon pop booth-Dave Andreason 2nd-Alesha Samples

Then a motion was made to eliminate pop booth and revamp the space as a bully barn ticket sales location-Shawna Adams 2nd-Dave Andreason

Then it was asked to amend the previous motion to simplify and sell just water and bully barn tickets instead of pop and candy in the pop booth space-Shawna Adams 2nd-Dave Andreason

Vote was taken to put it on October's agenda and passed
 - c. Silent Auction Baskets - \$1,888.00 **Thanks for the great baskets again this year. We made about the same as last year**

5. Reports:

- a. Awards Committee: Amy Blauer
 - i. How did it go? **Planned on 150 people attending & still had people standing. It was well-attended. Donuts and milk were good. Committee did a good job of keeping things rolling along. Program took about 1 ¼ hours.**
 - ii. **Changes? Start at 7:00 (see note in FCS). More donuts/less milk. Livestock representative on the committee would be nice. (Krista has a contact with DOT foods if someone wants to ask them to sponsor some awards).**
 - iii. **2025 Committee names (name submitted by ballot) Come to the October meeting and you might be able to find out if you were nominated!!!**
- b. Fair Board: Paul Marchant **NA**
- c. Office: Dena
 - i. **Fair!!! Thanks for help and grace during the fair.**
 - ii. **Voting procedures: All voting in Cassia County Volunteer Council will be done by ballot from now on.**
 - iii. **Band App: This is where all information or changes will be posted from now on. Also, if you want to text anyone from the office it must go through the band app. The Facebook page will become a public page on October 1st. Training next month on how to send messages in BAND. Don't text Dena**

anymore!!! She will ignore you. But you can call, chat on BAND, or e-mail. Just don't text.

iv. Mandatory Meetings

1. Volunteers: Two dates will be set in November. Every volunteer in the county must attend 1 of the meetings. New volunteers will receive the same information at their new volunteer training. Club expectation should be clearly written and then signed by the parent and child and filed in the office. Make a contract with parents that lets them know exactly what is expected of them should their youth be a member of your club. Then they sign it. If a situation comes up, the office can back you because they will have the agreement on file.
2. Parent/legal guardian/youth: Two dates will be set for after the first of the year. If you cannot make those dates you must call and discuss the situation with Dena or Grace. New families that come in after those meetings will be met with by the office

Items that were mentioned:

Disrespect at fair- we should not yell at each other

Sale issues of parents harassing buyers at work. It doesn't matter how much you spend at a business, they are not obligated to buy any animal at the fair. But kids can bring in a thank you to buyers.

- i. Enrollment fees: Youth enrollment fees will be increasing by \$10 for 2025. There will be a \$10 admin fee, the \$15 state fee (\$45 cap for families over 3) and an \$8 specie fee. For horse it will be \$10 admin fee with an \$18 state fee and a \$8 specie fee. \$10 admin fee is per child with no family cap (including cloverbuds). State fee remains the same as before. If you have a family that has a financial hardship, have them apply for a scholarship through the office. The executive committee will be handling those scholarships. This does not apply to funding a livestock project.
- ii. Volunteer eligibility to run for council presidency: In order for volunteers to be eligible to run for office, they must be in good standing with the office. This means they are enrolled, fees paid, background check and protecting minors training are current and a club financial form has been turned into the office. By Oct 21st-get it done if you want to run! (Caveat-if the state has not opened enrollment, do everything but that and you will still be considered in good standing.)
- v. Volunteer enrollment deadline: October 31st. If not enrolled by this date volunteers will have to come and do a recertification training with the office.
- iii. Meeting Attendance by club: Reminder that all clubs are required to attend at least 2 volunteer council meetings a year (Oct 1 – Sept 30). The remainder of the 23/24 year was probationary. By-law will be enforced for the 24/25 4-H year. As per the April 2024 Volunteer Council Meeting. Mandatory meetings do not count. Send a rep (parent/older youth) if you can't make it.

6. Unfinished Business: NA

7. New Business:

- a. Fair date: August 8-16, 2025
- b. National 4-H Week is October 7-12, 2024. Any ideas of how to promote 4-H during this week? Wear buyers shirt to school (livestock youth), posters, flyers

- c. State 4-H fee: Does the volunteer council want to pay \$5 of the \$15 state 4-H fee again this year? **Motion to pay \$5 for the state fee-Janet Wright 2nd-Roxanne Beck Voted and passed**
- d. Financial forms are due into the office by October 31st. You will not be made an active volunteer until a club financial report has been turned in for the club you are attached to.
- e. Pick up remaining awards and record books: volunteers & parents please check to see if any of your club members have awards or record books here tonight. If so, please take them and get them to your club members
- f. Slate of Officers to be submitted by ballot: Those names submitted will be contacted by the office to make sure they would like to run for office. Names can be submitted to the office until October 21st by 5 p.m.
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-President
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. Treasurer

Items to be added to the October agenda: **Pop booth future plans**

1. Specie

- g. Sale Report: Dena & Brandon **Something about add-ons & being down, floor-prices, some fancy color-coded graphs, Blue-sky, averages, etc. Dena and Brandon have reports in the office. If you want to know more, call and talk to someone there because the executive committee secretary just does FCS and really has no clue what they were saying.**
Thank buyers when you are out and about and see their signs.
Livestock kids-some have no backing. Why can't people specify which kids they want to help without buying the animal? Dan explained some tax problems because of our non-profit status. Talk to Dan so he can explain it to you if that is something you are curious about.
- h. Sale day: Dena
 - i. Cleanliness **help clean up after animals please**
 - ii. Monitoring public **Help cut-off traffic to keep animals from trampling people (especially when steers are being moved to and from the sales barn). Help educate the public about the animal's strength before they experience it in a painful way.**
- i. Sharing wash racks: Dena **Swine only have 1 rack, so be considerate of their washing limitations. Do not tie animals to racks; wash and get out of the way so someone else can have a turn.**
- b. Livestock Project completion: Youth must complete a livestock project by exhibiting at fair, even if you do not make weight, you need to show in showmanship. If youth do not exhibit at fair, they will not be allowed to participate in 4-H livestock the following year. Exceptions: animal died, animal is sick, animal is wild (steers), or something is wrong with the child. **Added to rules and livestock agreement and contract-only primary animal**
- j. Livestock Presentations: All youth participating in 4-H livestock projects for 2024/2025 will be required to do a presentation in front of a panel of judges. Youth will be given questions (with answers) that they will need to be able to answer. **Can be the same presentation as the one given in the club. You will always pass. You**

can use technology. Must have a presentation in the book. Dairy leaders mentioned that this has been beneficial for their youth.

k. Swine

i. Weigh-in vs Tag-in Vote

1. Discussion was held at the 4-H project evaluation meeting for swine concerning this. However, Dena forgot to have everyone submit their vote via ballot. So, a motion will need to be made and then a vote taken, by ballot, tonight. Motion to have a tag-in with option of weigh-in at the superintendents' discretion-Shawna Adams 2nd-Alesha Samples Swine vote by #1 motion

l. New policy

i. Alisha Samples

1. Dress Code update to mean "current showing trends." Shirt does not have to be collared or button-down. Get your comments to Alesha. She will take suggestions and come back next month.

Items to be added to the October agenda: Dress code

*** Date change: Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 FCS @ 6:30 p.m., General @ 7:30 p.m., Livestock to follow

Adjourn Motion to adjourn-John Garrard 2nd-MacKenzie Priest