

4-H Livestock Committee
March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

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| Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons 4-H | Anna Marie Mack, Big Sky 4-H |
| Larry Hagenbuch, Vice Chariman, Creative Critters | Cassidy Bawden, Fergus FFA |
| Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Lewistown Livewires | Becca Bowden, Fergus FFA |
| Darren Crawford, Extension Agent | Kolby Gobble, Fergus FFA |
| Berkley Stroh, New Horizons 4-H | Traci Choate, Fergus FFA |
| Stockton Stroh, New Horizons 4-H | Jared Long, Fergus FFA |
| Leighton Stroh, New Horizons 4-H | Ed Mack, Big Sky 4-H |
| Becca Rindal, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers | Shawn Grindheim, New Horizons 4-H |
| Casey Willmore, Denton FFA | Abigail Gatz, Fergus FFA |

Chairman Josh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The minutes of the January 30, 2017, meeting were read by committee members present. Jared moved to approve the minutes; Anna seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Announcement:

1. Livestock Judging - Josh said there would be a Livestock Judging class at 5 p.m. on March 28, 2017, in the Sheriff's Complex Basement meeting room.

Business:

1. Pen bids:
 - a. Western Ranch - \$63,460
2. Central Montana Panels - \$Pen bids:
 - a. Western Ranch - \$63,460
 - b. Central Montana Panels - \$28,600 – which would still need to be powder-coated or painted but an make shorter and narrower pipes
 - c. Fleet - \$55,260 for green panels or \$53,500 for brown panels, 6 ft x 6 ft galvanized steel panels, would need 144 panels
 - d. Tritan Barns - \$57,280 – which includes freight, would hold 2 pigs not 3
3. Funding - The livestock committee has between \$10,000 and \$15,000 it can spend. The Central Montana Foundation grant deadline is April 1, can apply for \$5,000 or bigger grant.
 - a. There was some discussion as to which type of panel system would work best. Raw steel panels would have to be washed before the fair.
 - b. The CM Foundation does not have a matching funds requirement, said Darren. He said the grant recipients have one year to spend the grant money, and if all the money isn't spent then they can give it back to the foundation. Becca said the CM Foundation might like it if the committee purchased the panels from the local business as opposed to Western Ranch Supply. Darren said he could work on the CM Foundation grant application.
 - c. Anna moved to have Darren move forward with the CM Foundation grant application. Jared seconded the motion; the motion passed.
 - d. Shannon said the Jaycee grant application is due January 15.
 - e. Anna said the Wilks brothers need a letter requesting assistance by May so they can go through it with their board and lawyers.

- f. Replacement Reasoning – The reason for replacing the pens is the pavilion has run out of room with the 8x8 ft pens and if the pens could be dropped to 5x8 ft pens then they could hold 2 pigs easily and allow better air flow through the pavilion as well as are safer.
 - g. Darren said the current pens have some salvage value. The big green panels are owned by the fairgrounds whereas the white panels and green front gates are owned by the livestock committee.
- 4. Fair Judge – Jared said Caleb Boardman accepted the fair judging contract. Darren said he would be paid \$2,000 for judging the show and to cover his room.
- 5. Tire Rama – Larry said Tire Rama doesn't support the livestock sale because they want to support more than just one kid. He said perhaps they could offer some donations of sort.
- 6. Casey announced that Joel King would be his backup sheep/goat superintendent since Casey's wife is due to have a baby about the same time as fair.
- 7. Next meeting – Darren said the next committee meeting would be played by ear.
- 8. Adjournment – Jared moved to adjourn the meeting. Casey and Anna seconded the motion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.