

**September 20th, 2022, General Meeting 7:30 p.m. FCS/Misc. 6:00 p.m. in Kitchen
Cassia County Volunteer Council in Commissioners Chambers, 2nd floor**

Due to the importance of the meeting and the lack of quality audio, please plan on attending in person.

Clubs with representation attending the meeting: Albion Patriots, Bowtaculars, Practice Makes Perfect, Cassia Creek, Rocky Mountain Show Club, Shakes & Steaks, Cassia Classics, New View, Redneck Wranglers, Springdale Acres, Awesome Possums, Cousins & Critters, Dairy Queens, Dudes & Dolls, Backyard Kids, Black Sheep Squadron, Whatchamacallits, Young Riders, Makin' Tracks.

Votes were sent in for the Wild Bunch ahead of time.

4H office attending: Rosie, Dena, Joel, Grace, Tiffany

Fairboard attending: Todd Powers, Cordell Sheridan, Carla Beck

Commissioner attending: Leonard Beck

Area 4H Youth Development Educator: Mike Knutz

Welcome: President Ryan Taylor called to order at 7:35 pm

Pledges: Were recited

Treasurers Report: Amy Blauer: pop booth and baskets \$17,342.98 Pop booth made \$2,597 Baskets made \$1805

Ratify July meeting minutes: Sent out with agenda A motion to accept the Treasurer report and the minutes for July was made by John Garrard second by Makenzie Priest. Motion passed.

General Meeting:

New Business:

Fair dates for next year our August 12-19, 2023. Fair registration deadline will be May 8th, 2023.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work at fair and making it a success, it was a great fair!

1. Thanks to the Holt family and all of the clubs that helped in the pop booth. A big thanks for all of those who helped by doing guard duty in the 4-H building and, again, the baskets were wonderful. We certainly appreciated everybody's help. **Nice job!**
2. Do you, (volunteer council), want to continue to pay \$5.00 towards the state 4-H enrollment fee for the youth in our county for the 2022-23year? **We have done this the last 5 years. Pop booth money goes towards it. A motion to do it again this year was made by Brenton Holt Second by Sarah Seymour. Motion passed.**
3. Enrollment registration for the 22/23 will open on zsuite on October 10th.

4. Club financial forms are due prior to November 1st. Please take one and if possible fill it out and return it to us tonight. Remember, any income, must be receipted out. The financial form may be found on the Cassia County 4-H website under resources, second bullet.
5. Volunteers need to enroll by December 1st. Many of you will need to do a background check. We will send you an invitation for Verified once you have completed the enrollment process through Zsuites. Background checks are good for 3 years and Protecting Minors will be good for three years as well. **Dena will be sending the link to those that need to get this done. It is good for 3 years. We need to get it done asap as kids will be signing up and looking for clubs to join. If you can take a minute to review the list of projects available, highlight and return them to Rosie, or let the office know what projects you might possibly do, they can start entering these in the clubs. It (zsuite) opens Oct 3. (Due to Hurricane Ian, our county can start enrolling October 17th.) It (background checks) costs \$12.25 and there are about 67 leaders in the County, but not all will need it done this year. The motion was made by Alisha Samples to pay the fee for the Leaders background checks up to \$1000. 2nd by Makensey Priest Motion passed.**
6. The County Website and the county Facebook have information for leaders and parents. Please refer to those sites.
7. Family clubs are those that are classified with having less than five members enrolled or fewer than three families enrolled. If you have a family club, as **per Policy and Procedure**, you need to have permission on an annual basis from the office. If your club falls within the family club definition, you will need to call Rosie and request permission to be a family club.
8. Slate of officers for October volunteer council. **These will be voted on in next month's meeting. It is for a 2-year term, except the Treasurer is for 3 years. Ryan, Dan, & Sally will all be going off. Amy will be staying on.**
Nominations were made for the following:
President-Dan Gammon, Makensey Priest
Vice President-Ryan Taylor, Sarah Seymour
Secretary-Kimberlee Harris
If anyone else would like to run, please let Rosie know. She will contact them to make sure they agree.
9. Years of service: Presented by Mike Knutz-4H Youth Leadership Area Development Educator
5 years-Kristi Thompson, Chris West, Joelle Robinson, Shalley Mabey, Jamie Bronson, Angela West, Wendy Wells.
10 years-Erin Larson, Carla Beck, John Garrard, Kristina Haymore
15 years-Brandon Brackenbury, Dan Gammon, Carrie Burton, David Andreason, Carol Amende, Dena Jarolimek
50 years-MaryLynne Bristol... We salute you! Hundreds of youth have been taught by her. A jacket was presented to her from the Leader's Council and cake was served!
10. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022. **Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting has been move to Thursday, October 20th.** General meeting at 7:30. p.m. FCS at 6:45 p.m.

General Specie Meeting:

1. Report on sale and money withheld from checks. All thank-you's need to be done and checks picked up by November 1st. Sale report by Joel Packham. This did not include \$7,000 added and given wherever it was needed. The numbers presented were just the sale itself. It was the largest \$ amount sale ever, and we were down 23 head sold from last year's sale. The beef floor was a little larger. Every species was up this year.

Some examples of Expense records pulled from random Record books.

Beef-\$1730-\$1169

Sheep \$476 (with spare)-\$245

Goat \$338

Swine \$813 (with spare)-\$413

Dairy \$500-\$300

Feed has gone up a lot in the past 2 years.

Items sent in to be discussed: For one item, it is listed below. For longer items, emails are attached which you will need to open and read. Please come to the meeting with viable, constructive options for these concerns.

1. Canopy's in grassy area-President Ryan Taylor

There was an issue Saturday morning trying to bring the steers in on Sale morning. It really cut down the space and was a safety issue to bring them through all the tents. If it was a windy day and they were flapping, it wouldn't take much to set them (beef) running. It would be nice to control the area more during sale time. It is always an issue when the steers come through (as well as) the regular fair traffic.

Propose to have the tents gone by Saturday. The sheep and goats can stay there to fit. Work with the superintendents for the schedule of when to come in. This needs to be reviewed with the Fair Board as they're over the grounds. Possibly not set up as early in the week as it's (used) for the Dairy to tie up. It was stated they need to get more power added along the fence to be able to get animals ready.

2. Dog show-Kristi Thompson.

The show was on the Thursday before the fair. They want more participants and would like to encourage kids to get involved. They didn't have a very big audience and they have talked to the Fair Board to try and get the show on the schedule during the Fair Week. They have showmanship and obedience classes and an agility course is optional. Buckles for tops in each of those. Kudos to Kristi for the way she handled problems that arose. If anyone has any questions let her know.

3. Dairy--Branden Severe-Please see attached email.

Felt that the Dairy show went well and liked the rest in between the shows. Asked if they can allow calves to come in Sunday night and not change the weigh in time on Monday morning. It would help them to not have to leave as early on Monday morning and it made for a long day by the time they finished with the Sale that night. The Fair Board would need to set up security for that night and stated this was something they could possibly set up and it shouldn't be a

problem with the concert traffic. Supt. Roxanne Beck said it was asked of her to do this a week before and there wasn't time to work on it this year to get that set up, so she told them the answer was no. A motion was made by Branden Severe to allow the calves to come in Sunday night and not change the weigh in time on Monday morning. Second by Brandy Taylor. The motion passed.

4. Dairy-Roxanne Beck-Please see attached email.
 - A. **Rush of beef weigh time with Dairy.** This is on Tuesday of Fair. Possible to move to 5:00 pm? The Dairy show ends at 3:00 and they still need to load out the heifers to the Buyers. They need to accommodate both species. Things were moved to a corner and they had to sort out their things such as show halters, equipment, etc. The beef species need to be mindful of not unloading tack early. It was pointed out that many of the beef chutes were used to fit the Dairy animals for their shows and are happy to do that. The consensus was this needs to be worked out with the Superintendents and the Fair Board.
 - B. Can the show time for Dairy be pushed back an Hour? The superintendent and Fair Board work on the Scheduling. They can consider this request.
 - C. Dairy Sale moved back to Saturday. Discussion was that the kids who don't have buyers that are set up ahead of time got lower prices. It was noted that those with lower amounts got extra \$ added on and "blue sky" money was up this year. It was also stated that all species see a lower price if the kids don't have a buyer, but we are VERY grateful to all the buyers who come and support the kids. Supt. Beck asked if their value is the same if they are doing it separate from the sale on Saturday. It was stated that the Dairy animals' sale was moved to Monday as they have their own set of buyers and those buyers don't like sitting through the whole sale with all the species. It was also making the sale long and buyers were leaving that was making the kids at the end get lower prices. It has helped to have it separate. The Dairy have the top # of animals in the fair. It was recommended to talk to the buyers before moving it back to Saturday. The market sale committee makes the final decision. We can take a suggestion to them if it's agreed on.
5. Dairy animals being pushed out of the Fair. Supt Beck feels that other options need to be discussed for the future to get more representation for the Dairy at the Fair. They are the biggest industry in Cassia County. 33 of 88 Dairy animals stayed at the Fair this year for the week. Many people ask where are the Dairy animals? Some ideas presented included.
 - A. Build a new structure for them possibly to the East
 - B. Could the Uscola lot be used for a barn
 - C. Could the food booths be moved to the back and build a barn thereWe were reminded that we can propose ideas but the Fair Board and County Commissioners are the ones who have the final decision.

A motion was made by Roxanne Beck to move the Breeding shows for all species to the Saturday before Fair. This would be for Beef, Goats, & Sheep. This is for anything that is not in the market animal sale. Second by Alicia Samples. The motion passed 7 votes to 4. It will be presented to the Livestock Animal Committee.

6. Mackensity Priest-Please see attached email.

- A. ADG requirements and min/max weights on lambs & goats. Handouts were presented that suggested that our parameters are not consistent with the industry standard. Makensity watched as trailers came in for the weigh-in and they were drenching the animals to get them to make weight. This is not teaching the kids to feed correctly. They need to be taught to feed to the frame size of their animal instead of just making them fat.

Discussion included: The sheep & goats are different than other large animal species. If they get sick at all in 60 days test, it takes a lot to recover and make it to the Fair. Other Fairs don't have ADG. The statement that ADG was used in our Fair to weed out participants was said to not be true by County Extension Agent, Joel Packham. Others stated: Education should be the focus and picking your animal for the show you're going to should be the goal. Learn about exercising. They may also have to starve them back to get the optimum weight. Beef leader, Dave Andreason said in the Beef industry they now want bigger cattle. It seems we have rules on top of rules that are hurting kids. We don't get real Data back from the animals after being slaughtered. The reality is they dry out internally and don't grade when held back. Is this real world that we're teaching the kids? No, as the feedlots don't halter the animals, but over all we want the kids to have a good experience.

It was asked who protects the buyers? The judges don't want to give out white ribbons, so the buyers may get meat that is not a quality product. People in the room said they should give white ribbons, but it was noted the year a judge did that, people were very upset. Some wanted to know if parents or clubs are adding weight, why isn't that brought up as it is against the rules? The final question asked: Are we tossing out Integrity and making it easier to cheat and eliminating kids? A motion was made by Makensity Priest to get rid of the min/max weight and ADG requirement on lambs/goats. Second by Alicia Samples. Those clubs with sheep & goats voted. The motion passed by 4-3. It will be presented to the Livestock Committee.

- B. Vet floor buyers-Terminal Sale.

Mackensity stated that lambs are going to a floor buyer who has done unethical things in the past. The lambs are to be terminal, not go to other shows. It was stated: This is for the Market Animal Sale committee to decide. They are the ones who pick the floor buyers on recommendations of the Superintendent. It was made known the Market Animal Sale Committee is working on a contract to have floor buyers agree to.

- C. Judges for all species picked and confirmed by Jan 1.

It may need to be done earlier for the Beef as they get their animals earlier. The contract says that they do have them picked by Jan 1. It was asked it could be announced. The process is the Fair Board member who is over the species gets the Judge based on recommendations from the Superintendent. Anyone can suggest ideas for the judges.

- D. Changing from only one market animal shown & sold to 2 market animals. Discussion included: We are pressed for space and already asking a lot of our community. The majority felt it was asking too much to show/sell 2 animals.
- E. Amend the rule that youth can still show if their animal dies or it doesn't make weight. Discussion: It is hard on the kids when these things happen, but that is a life lesson. They can still show at Jackpot shows. It is a safety issues if they are going to show an animal they haven't worked with. A motion was made by Makensity Priest to amend the rule to any youth actively enrolled in 4/H/FFA can show in showmanship, regardless if their project dies or does not make weight-Market species specific. Second by: Dakota Wankier. Motion failed by a vote of 12-2.
- F. Show spares. Discussion: When this was done before it was very hard for the office to keep track of for the sale. It makes it hard to get the sale order set. We need to think about the office and the space issue. The motion was made by Makensity Priest to be able to show spares for all species. Second by Alicia Samples. Motion Failed by vote of 10-4 with all clubs voting that had Market animals.
- G. Humane handling and requirements for care standards needs to be addressed for all species. Handouts were presented with industry standards. They appreciated the time that was spent building the new goat pens, but felt they were too small by the time you got the water & feed buckets in. They were built in squares and need modifications. They had to tear apart the pens and put 2 goats/pen. The animals do better together and need to have enough space to turn around, lay down, & move around at ease. There were quite a few kids that got their fingers pinched in them as well. The 4H office was not made aware of this until a later date. If ethics people were to come to the Fair, they could wreak havoc. We need to teach the kids to be good stewards of livestock and practice good animal husbandry practices. The sheep pens also need to be updated as they are old and have sharp edges on them. The majority of people at the meeting felt if the pens need to be finished, it would be a good multi-club service project to sand them down.
- H. Better parking and closed areas for 4H youth and families. Gates monitored. Everyone acknowledged the parking/traffic is a problem. It is important to keep it free-flowing. It was mentioned that trailers needed to be monitored more in the back parking lot. There was not room to park and trailers were parked in the middle, not on the fences. The city may be working on getting some more parking lined up. Makenzie Priest made the motion to mention it to the Livestock Committee. Second by Alicia Samples. Motion was passed unanimously.
- I. No price cap on animals selling over Grand & Reserve. If there is going to be a cap, then run the auction accordingly. Discussion included: The auctioneers donate their time for this every year. In a usual setting they are trying to get as much money as possible. They didn't catch it when 2 animals went over the Grand price and it was adjusted on the kids' checks. They weren't notified until they came to pick up their checks and were caught off guard that it wasn't for the amount they thought it was to be. In the future, if not caught on the block, they will try to announce it over the block later. Things have been put into motion to not have this happen again. The 4H office is very sorry it did happen. The Market Animal Sale Committee does a fantastic job managing our sale and we are very grateful to them.

- J. If this is a 4H/FFA meeting, what we pass here and what the University Standards are should be followed. It used to be the motions we made meant something. The last 2 years it hasn't been that way. It is felt that the things we talk about in this meeting falls on deaf ears when taken to the Livestock Committee & Fair Board. It feels like they are dominating the affairs and not letting the people have a voice.

Discussion: It was mentioned that they wished the FFA could've been at the meeting as the things discussed that affected them as well. It would be nice if they could attend this meeting so they could hear everyone's perspective. It was brought up that if there are concerns, individuals need to voice those to their FFA advisors so they are aware. It was noted that the 4H and FFA have different governing bodies and we cannot tell the FFA how to run their program. That is why the Livestock Committee was formed, so that everyone has representation. Cordell Sheridan from the Fair Board said this has been a great thing as everyone now has representation.

The Fair board has 2 votes, the FFA has 2 votes, 4H has 1 vote and 1 vote for the 4H office. Things that get voted on in the Livestock Committee for the past 2 years, the 4H representative Ryan Taylor has voted how the 4H presented it. The 4H office may have voted differently. There may be things we are not aware of. Their top priority is safety, space, & scheduling.

It was asked if the 4H rep could tell us about the discussion and why things were voted down that we asked to take to the Livestock Committee.

The Livestock Committee meeting is usually a closed meeting unless it's taking care of an issue that involves a participant. The parents & superintendents are then invited to the meeting.

It is still important to bring up issues and discuss them at this meeting for awareness. Maybe things will happen when our voices are united & heard.

It's hard to lump all the species together. Eventually they will be taken care of.

The process of this meeting has evolved as there is an agenda that is followed and things are discussed.

We don't like putting species against each other. It is good to be able to talk with each other to work out issues.

Commissioner Beck said the Fair Board is following State Code which allows them flexibility as they have authorization to oversee the Fair. If there are "legal ramifications" and an overreach on 4H programs, does the Prosecuting Attorney need to be involved? Mackensey stated not at this time.

- K. Equal species representation and importance from facilities to the Round Robin to the show schedule. **It was asked to put this on the agenda to discuss in October.** The turkey and rabbits would like to be in the Round Robin. Cami Schumann with Raft River FFA takes care of the arrangements for it including donations, getting animals lined up to show, and the judges. The Fair Board buys the buckles.

The following items were not covered and will be moved to next month's agenda:

7. Days on Feed

- a. Weigh-in dates
 - b. Weight requirements (Min and Max)
8. Ultrasounds for sheep and swine
 9. Folders will be given to leaders in June with the grading rubric inside.
 10. All livestock rules will be posted on the Cassia County 4-H website by January 1st, 2023.
If you have an item you would like to be discussed that isn't on the agenda, please email it to Rosie at rdavids@uidaho.edu for the October meeting by October 13th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brenton Holt. Second by Makensey Priest. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

FCS: 6:00 p.m.

1. Items to be reviewed:

- a. Check in day-Consensus was it went well!
- b. Interviews-continue with interviews. Have appointment time next year? It was a long time for the kids/parents to wait.

Two judges for juniors, two for intermediate and one for senior. We believe this will help fix the time issue. A motion was made by Linda Holt to break the youth up by age groups for the interviews. 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-18. Second by Kimberlee Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth will have questions addressing their involvement report. May include church and community things but don't get extra points for more activities. These are nice to have for filling out scholarships and we have been asked to do them. There will be awards for top interviews and treats were a nice gesture. Written comments were not given back to most of the clubs. Rosie will work on finding where those are and get them to us.

- c. Sewing Showcase- Amy Blauer will be the Superintendent again next year. Thank you for all the work you've done on this to keep it alive. The Best Western let us use the facility for free thanks to Sarah Somsen and it was nice to have it there. The treats were great. We loved having more youth participate in the different categories. Loved having Cloverbuds participate and more boys.

Do we need to have a separate judging time and then do the show straight through? A motion was made by Sally Ottley to have a separate judging time and show time. Second by Carrie Burton. Motion passed.

What other changes need to happen for the Sewing Showcase? Would like to review the score sheet and see if more emphasis is on the modeling and not the sewing as sewing is judged at the Fair. A suggestion to have the judges sit separately and then come together at the end if there is a tie. Also, could the Cloverbuds go first? It was a long time for them to sit through it all. They do need to have a practice on the stage.

- d. Judging day-

2. Project issues: These will be included on next month's agenda

- a. Handwork from our Heritage-report
 - b. Turn Tie Dye and String Art into projects
 - c. Candy project-different project for younger youth
3. FCS Record Book-Youth will have an opportunity to receive awards for:
- i. Interviews, which will be done with the involvement report. Youth will give the judge a copy when they sit down. This is found in Z-suites and can be added to each year. We will go forward doing this now as we haven't done them in the past.
 - ii. Record books which will be judged separately from the project. We reviewed a book and what it would look like with the new format.
 - iii. Best Stories will still be judged and may include Project Focused or Overall Stories.
 - iv. Projects. If there is a checklist it will need to come in as well. Different leaders will sign off on signature page for each of the projects.
- a. FCS Rubrics-There are examples of Different ones to review. Does it work for all different projects? What is the breakdown of points (50 or 100?) Email your thoughts to Rosie.
 - b. Schedule-Want to get this decided on next month so they can have them ready to go by Dec 1.

These are being done to try and make it simpler to get FCS project #'s up. It is redundant to fill out all the paperwork with the manual and record book for different projects. We are pilot testing this format as a County. Note: All Self Determined & Shooting sports projects will still do a full book. They will be done with Z-Suite and you will have to download the book to print certain pages.

4. Hands on Demo from the Chocolate Candy curriculum. You will love it!! Made chocolate caramel pretzels.