

Jefferson County 4-H Council Minutes

6-22-2026

The Jefferson County 4-H Council was called to order at 7:03pm by Mae McIntire. Following the pledges six clubs answered to roll call.

Minutes from the previous meeting had been emailed out and posted online. They stood approved as posted. It was announced that there was a thank you note at the back of the room to be signed by all present.

Hadley gave the treasurer's report. Details are available at the extension office.

Marlene reported that there had not been a reporter's report submitted or published since the last meeting.

Jason Roenne, Fair Board President announced that the next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for July 9 @ 6:30pm at the fair grounds. He encouraged clubs to take on projects and if they have questions or ideas to please reach out. They are thankful for all the help and gave some great tips for fair set up and clean up.

Ashtyn Humphreys, the new 4-H Agent at the Oskaloosa office, introduced herself and entertained questions from the group.

Guest Emily Koslowski from the State 4-H Council spoke to the group about the great opportunities available at the state level. She encouraged members to participate in events like KYLF and Discovery Days.

There wasn't any unfinished business.

Under new business the group discussed the proposal for the council to cover the cost of the cookies and drinks at the Fashion Revue and Royalty Crowning. Makena moved to have council cover the cost of the cookie trays and water as proposed, Nathan seconded the motion and after a vote the motion carried.

Then the congregation broke out into 4 committees.

Committee 1 discussed ideas for 4-H Week and fall promotion and reported back the following recommendations: it would be good to visit 2nd and 3rd grade classes, attend back to school nights, hand out freebies and 4-H info, have window decorating contests, wear 4-H

t-shirts. For the fall project fair, the table/booth format with as many projects as possible would be best.

Committee 2 discussed New Family Orientation. They recommended a meeting for new families where project leaders were present and older 4-H members share their experiences. They also liked the New Family Guide and wanted to be sure it had, club information, an intro to 4-H, Calendar with links to the online calendar. Tabs with things like record books and projects, project leader contact info, links to forms etc. They also suggested post-card reminder to re-enroll.

Committee 3 discussed ways to improve and get more involvement in record book judging day. They recommended offering time on a Sunday afternoon along with the Monday afternoon/evening option to allow for families to come without having to miss work/school.

Katie moved that the 4-H Council reward State 4-H Record Book Winners. Winners would be offered the option to choose their reward from: a custom belt buckle, an embroidered soft shell jacket, a patch for their letterman's jacket or \$125 to put towards the expense of their trip to Atlanta Georgia. The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee also talked through concerns with the previously selected dates for Achievement Night. Options were Nov 7 and Nov 21 at the Oskaloosa school. They discussed that Nov 7 was a tight turn around for the office to get awards ordered and organized and that Nov 21 was KYLF and many of our officers, ambassadors and older members would potentially attend. The suggestion was made to see if the Valley Falls school was available on Nov. 14. If not it was agreed that Nov 7 would be the best of the two dates. Toni will call the Valley Falls school this week.

Committee 4 made appointments for the following:

- Financial Committee to complete the year end review – current Authorized signers for 4-H Council
- Ambassador Selection Committee – Heather Roenne, Shanie Kearney, Tammy Gigstad, Rachelle Feldkamp. Alternates of Sherry Seifert, John or Cindy Malone
- Family of the Year, Alumni Awards and other award selections as needed – Rachelle Feldkamp, Reeves Family, Hollis Family, Craig and Tammy Gigstad

Amanda shared information about the upcoming public speaking workshop and shared announcements were printed and available. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28. Joe moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.