



# **ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**

## **Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2025**

1. Call meeting to order – Meeting called to order by President Steve Trattles at 6:03 p.m. Attendance: Steve Trattles, Diana Yeager, Ryan Waltke, Emily Redmond, Bill Prichard, Kevin Yeager and 4-H Program Coordinator Kayla Mitchell. Rick Gould, Dave and Maree Troyer. Excused Absent: Angie Landis
2. Additions to agenda - (M) Arena, (N) Microsoft Money, (O) Herdsmanship
3. Public Comment - none
4. Secretary Report & Correspondence – Motion to approve Secretary report by Diana and seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
5. Treasurers Report
  - A. Balances
  - B. Outstanding Bills – Kevin moved to accept the treasurer’s report and approve payment of bills. Bill seconded. Motion carried
  - C. Gallon of Milk Checks
6. Old Business
  - A. Small animal processing – Tabled
  - B. January work session date: Saturday January 18, 2025 from 9-2 p.m.
7. New Business
  - A. Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Emily to expand market classes to include purebred classes for swine beginning with 2026 fair. Motion passed.
  - B. Motion by Kevin, 2nd by Diana to prohibit painting of pigs during swine fitting. Motion passed.
  - C. Eliminate proficiency if minimum weight is increased for swine carcass classes.
  - D. By-Law Changes. Motion made by Diana to adopt by-law changes. Bill 2nd, Motion carried.
  - E. Auction split sheet and add-on sheet. Tabled
  - F. Barn moving. Rabbits proposed to move to Barn 29. Discussed rabbit equipment storage.
  - G. Drug Testing- Kits will be on hand for use.
  - H. Professional fitter rule- Motion made by Emily, 2nd by Ryan to allow anyone to assist 4-H’ers, FFA, or other members to fit livestock prior to show at fair. Participant must be actively involved with fitting.

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- I. Motion made by Ryan, 2nd by Emily to combine interview process and skill-a-thon into one class.
- J. Motion made by Ryan, 2nd by Kevin - All breeding stock 4-H exhibitors registration form must be in by August 1, 2025.
- K. Motion made by Diana, 2nd by Ryan - expulsion for 1 year if any animal is taken off the fairground without permission from Superintendent or 4-H program coordinator for first offense. 2nd offense will be lifetime expulsion from participating in fair.
- L. Motion made by Kevin, 2nd by Ryan to purchase a computer and appropriate software for the Livestock Assn. Treasurer up to \$1500.00
- M. Barn spraying August 27 and 28, 2025
- N. TEMCO Presentation March 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting - April 9, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

- 8. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Work Session topics

Bylaws and rules review

Auction split sheet

Auction, highest placed animal in sale

Fans from Nofzinger for auction

Skill-a-thon

Traffic pattern for check in

Rabbit and Poultry show schedule

Auction – sound and announcing

Fair help pay

Animal release Saturday night