

Buffalo County Leader's Association

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Alma Courthouse – County Board Room

President Patty George called to order the regular meeting of the Buffalo County Leader's Association at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Patty George; Amanda Brommer; Sara Torbert; Laurie Bauer; Linda Larson; Kathy Jardine; Lacy Bork; Doug George; Ashley Ellis; Gennah Bremer; Cara Lee Wiersgalla; Jennifer Sandberg; Stephanie Foust; Angela Berg; Kathy Noll; Shelly Olson; Marley Brommer; Eli Sandberg; Emma Jardine; Jaden Brendon; Via Zoom: Laura Rodriguez; Shaylah Rodriguez; Jennifer Swenson; Lori Dahl; Katherine Feyen; Rachel Golden; Jen Serum.

Motion by Eli Sandberg, seconded by Amanda Brommer, to approve the meeting minutes from the June 1, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miriam Sandberg, seconded by Ashley Ellis, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- The Buffalo County Leader's Association was under \$50,000 of gross receipts, we are not required to file a separate Form 990 this year.
- It was suggested to create a Finance Committee to work on the budget. It will be the Leader's Association Vice-President Patty George; Angela Berg; Eli Sandberg and Marley Brommer
- American Spirit Recap from 2 members attending in the summer of 2025 (Jaden Brenden and Emma Pearl Jardine)
- Encourage clubs to participate in the National 4-H week by making posters
- Bianca will review the 2025 record books.
 - Need to decide who will review record books in future years
 - Update criteria for record book submissions
 - Record Book Committee (Shelly Olson; Jaden Brenden; Patty George) to meet with the new 4-H educator
- Friends of 4-H
 - Eli Sandberg volunteered to be the youth member
 - Adults interested in serving should contact Linda Larson
- Marley Brommer interviewed and was selected to receive Leader's Association funding for National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia

Motion by Cara Lee Wiersgalla, seconded by Laurie Bauer, to postpone update of by-laws until the new county 4-H educator is hired. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laurie Bauer, seconded by Lacy Bork, to send clubs participating in 4-H week with making posters \$20 to help cover the cost of supplies. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ashley Ellis, seconded by Amanda Brommer, that clubs participating in "Green" 4-H week by sending Bianca pictures will be entered in a random drawing for a club pizza party. Motion carried unanimously.

Reminders:

- Re-Enrollment for 4-H is due by November 1, 2025
- Adult Leaders will need to complete training (it is in a single training this year)
- There is a new project guide, some of the projects are organized differently
- Club 4-H Charters are due October 1
- Policy Updates for 2025-2026 were reviewed
- Buffalo County 4-H Alumni Group (some counties in the state have 4-H alumni groups for 4-H alumni to gather and organize special activities and events)
- 4-H Afterschool will be ending in Mondovi and at CFC
- Send nominations for 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award, Friends of 4-H to the Extension office

Old Business:

- County-Wide Service Project Sleep in Heavenly Peace was a success!
- Cash Raffle Fundraiser
 - Timing of collecting raffle tickets and cash a lot at fair time
 - Suggestion to give incentive for members who turn in sold raffle tickets early
 - Suggestion to set up a raffle committee (will do this at November meeting)
- 4-H Food Stand Wrap-Up
 - Should have keys for opening/closing to those who need keys
 - It is not the 4-H educator's responsibility to run the food stand
 - Recommendation to set up a 4-H Food Stand Committee (next meeting)
 - Recommendation to hire a Food Stand Manager for the fair next year
- Buffalo County Fair Wrap-Up
 - Photography needs more helpers (contact Rachel Golden at the Fair Office)
 - Bring ideas/suggestions for fair volunteers to the Leader's Association
 - Post Merit, Reserve Best of Show, and Best of Show for Foods & Nutrition, Cultural Arts & Home Environment so the public can see it

Election of Officers for 2025-2026:

- President: Ashley Ellis
- Vice-President: Patty George (nominated by Lacy Bork, seconded by Cara Lee Wiersgalla)
- Secretary: Gennah Bremer (nominated by Lacy Bork, seconded by Amanda Brommer)
- Treasurer: Stephanie Foust (nominated by Laurie Bauer, seconded by Linda Larson)
- Youth President: Eli Sandberg (nominated by Linda Larson, seconded by Lacy Bork)

- Youth Vice-President: Marley Brommer (nominated by Ashley Ellis, seconded by Lacy Bork)
- Youth Secretary: Jaden Brenden (nominated by Eli Sandberg, seconded by Ashley Ellis)
- Youth Treasurer: Shaylah Rodriguez (nominated by Angela Berg, seconded by Ashley Ellis)

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Linda Larson, to give Bob Majors and Annie Lisowski \$200 each for their assistance in running the 4-H food stand. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Linda Larson, seconded by Amanda Brommer, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Angela Berg, Secretary