

Buffalo County Leader's Association
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Alma Courthouse-Alma, WI

President Ashley Ellis presented awards:

Friends of 4-H Award- Gilmanton Community Club, Ashley Henthorn accepted the award.

Volunteer of the Year- Kim Bates.

Alumni Award- Abigail George.

Community Servant Award- Roxane Weisenbeck.

President Ashley Ellis called the regular meeting to order of the Buffalo County Leader's Association at 6:13pm, with the following members present: Deanna Hayden, Ashley Ellis, Katie Mayer, Doug George, Abby George, Rachel Golden, Kathy Noll, Stephanie Foust, Jennifer Sandberg, Ashley Henthorn, Patty George, Linda Larson, Gennah Bremer, Lacy Bork, Kat Feyen, Kim Bates, Owen Hayden, Luke Mayer, Logan Mayer, Allison George, Shaylah Rodriguez. 4-H pledge was lead by Luke, Owen, & Logan.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Jennifer Sandberg, to approve the Secretary's report from the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Linda Larson, seconded by Katie Mayer, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Bianca gave updates on the 4-H program.

Winter challenge: gingerbread house still open to summit.

Clover connect: zoom sessions.

Changes & updates made to the website about STEM kits and a leader's association tab with minutes from previous meetings and upcoming meetings/events.

4-H Educator Position was not yet filled. There will be another application process and interviews for the position. Watch for details from the UW Extension Office.

We were appointed a new area director, Kari Weiss. She is excited to be adding Buffalo/Pepin Counties to her territory.

Old Business

Maley Brommer did not attend, so no report about National Congress Travel

4-H Food Stand Committee- Gennah Bremer, Lacy Bork, Kat Feyen & Michelle Moats.

Working on a list of operations needed for the food stand.

Looking at the workers schedule and menu items.

4-H Festival of Arts

Bianca & Roxane will talk to Alma School about available dates at the end of February and beginning of March.

Discuss about adding more STEM kits with an adult at each station.

2026 Program Priorities

Roxane talked to Kari Weiss about Camp. Kari said that there might be a chance to join Pierce County this summer. More details will follow up later once she knows more.

Project learning- add more SPARKS to the Festival of Arts.

New Business

2026 County wide Service- Learning Project

No one had any ideas, we will need to email Roxane or Bianca with any suggestions.

2026 Fundraising

Committee: Patty George, Ashley Ellis, Rachel Golden.

Patty suggested doing a calendar raffle this year instead of the cash raffle.

Members voted: 5 for cash raffle & 9 for calendar raffle. We will be having a calendar raffle this year. The committee will be working on that to get them to the members by the March leader's meeting.

Summer Intern

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Patty George to hire a summer intern. It was budgeted for one in 2026 for \$6,000 and would be under the supervision of new director Kari Weiss.

Building a Better Fair Gala

The Fair Association sent out an email to the Leader's Board about contributing to the fundraising. Motion made by Jennifer Sandberg, seconded by Linda Larson, motion carried unanimously. We decided to form a committee: Gennah Bremer, Abby George & Rachel Golden: with a \$500 limit to purchase a donation for the event.

Next meeting will be Sunday March 15th, 2026 at the Alma Courthouse at 6pm.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Jennifer Sandberg, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:45pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Gennah Bremer, Secretary

Reminders:

Pepin/Buffalo Shooting Sports Practices- January 12- March 31

Beef Weigh-ins- February 21, 2026

Building a Better Fair Gala- February 28, 2026

YQCA Dates Set- March 16(Alma Courthouse) & March 23(Marten Center), 2026