

Buffalo County Leader's Association
Meeting Minutes
Sunday September 20, 2026
Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma, WI

President Ashley Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Flag plaques were led by Logan Mayer. The following youth and leaders attended: Shaylah Rodriguez, Luke Mayer, Logan, Mayer, Owen Hayden, Rhylin Hayden, Neremiah Herold, Marley Brommer, Stephanie Foust, Katherine Feyen, Laura Rodriguez, Kathy Noll, Ashley Ellis, Gennah Bremer, Lacy Bork, Katie Mayer, Deanna Hayden, Janna Herold, Karen Bechel, Patty George, Doug George, Payton Freund, & Roxane Weisenbeck. Via Zoom: Kari Weiss, Jennifer Sandberg, Steph Noll, Lori Dahl, & Shelly Olson.

Payton led us in a Lego Challenge. She gave each of us the same lego pieces and told us to build something. Everyone used the same pieces but we all came up with different ideas. We went around the room and shared what we made. Then she told the youth to grab one bag of legos, which were all the same color in the bag but different shapes and sizes, to create anything they would like.

4-H Program Updates

Payton gave us a recap on all the summer activities: Lego with MCYC, Dairy Breakfast, Cloverbud Day, STEAM discovery days, booth at the fair; making stickers, buttons and giving away tote bags. Upcoming events include: Lego Challenge at the Mondovi Library Monday September 21st at 4pm and Wonder of Physics at the Mondovi & Gilmanton Schools.

Kari Weiss talked to us about the educator position. We had 12 applicants and 8 will be in round one interviews on Monday September 28th via Zoom for 30 minutes. She is hoping to have a new educator on position by November 1st, 2026.

Marley Brommer talked about the National 4-H Congress that was held in Atlanta, Georgia. There were 45 delegates from WI, one of the biggest states there. She was a flag bearer and was able to bring the WI flag in at The Gala. She also participated in Books of Africa, they organized and categorized books by topic in age groups. She had a lot of fun and made some new friends.

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

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Patty George, to approve the Treasurer's report from the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Annual Authorizations were all submitted and approved.

Record books were due Sunday September 20 and Payton will review them.

The Fundraising Committee talked about the calendar raffle. It did very well for its year. We grossed \$27,020.00, minus expenses \$2,844.00, net income \$24,176.00. We talked about not doing the fundraiser next year. We need to decide at the November meeting what to do with the fundraiser money.

The Food Stand Committee talked about the amount brought in this fair year. We grossed \$32,030.47, minus expenses \$10,284.93, net income \$21,745.54. They still have 3 outstanding invoices to pay yet to: Benedict Refrigeration Service, Buffalo County Fair Association for electricity, & Buffalo River Johns. The committee for next year will be Lacy Bork, Kat Feyen & Gennah Bremer. They will get some information for the November meeting about items that need to be purchased before next year's fair.

The Budget Committee will be Ashley Ellis & Jennifer Sandberg for this new year.

Countywide Service Learning Projects: several clubs talked about the things they did in their communities and most clubs participated. We need to start thinking of service learning projects to do countywide for next year to be determined in November.

4-H Summer Intern was Finley Noll. We owe the state \$423 to go towards her salary for the summer. We will be paying that credit off this year.

New Business

Re-enrollment deadline is November 1st, 2026 for youth and volunteers. Online training for volunteers is due by December 1st, 2026.

4-H participation/programming was talked about by Roxane at the meeting. She is asking how we can get more youth to participate in activities hosted by the extension office. Like the STEAM discovery days, cloverbud day, and other events. She questioned how to get more involvement from both the parents and the youth. No comments were suggested.

4-H Funding Policy will be reviewed by the leader's committee about 4-H state programs.

Special event funding- Roxane showed us a grant application form that clubs or individuals could fill out and request from the county or the state asking for money to use towards an event. Example: Glencoe Hustlers are having a meal for the elderly residents in their community. They could request money for the food costs used for the meal.

4-H Scholarships & Key Award Applications/Interviews: deadline December 1st, 2026.

4-H Volunteer Awards: friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Community Servant need to be submitted by October 30th.

Gather & Grow Leaders Social was held at Walker's Silvermoon last year at our November meeting. Roxane asked if we would like to do something at the November 15th meeting. She is asking for ideas. Jennifer Sandberg suggested The Bird with Deanna.

Election of Officers

President- Patty George- accepted

Youth president- Marley Brommer- accepted

Vice President- nominated Stephanie Foust-accepted

Motion by Gennah Bremer, seconded by Lacy Bork to approve the VP. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Vice President-nominated Shaylah Rodriguez-accepted

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Katie Mayer to approve the youth VP. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer- nominated- Ashley Ellis-accepted

Motion by Patty George, seconded by Laura Rodriguez to approve the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Treasurer- nominated Luke Mayer

Motion by Patty George, seconded by Deanna Hayden to approve the youth treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary- nominated- Gennah Bremer-accepted

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Stephanie Foust to approve the secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Secretary- nominated Owen Hayden-accepted

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Katie Mayer to approve the youth secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Friends of Buffalo County 4-H Rep- youth- nominated Marley Brommer

Any other business

Doug George will get the pipes flushed out in the food stand and winterize it.

Next meeting is Sunday November 15th, 2026 TBD.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Deanna Hayden to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Gennah Bremer, Secretary