



PORTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm
2. PLEDGES American: Cyndi Morgan 4-H: Brianne Gratz
3. MINUTES APPROVAL February 11, 2025 1st: Kathy Wilder 2nd: Lisa Teel – None opposed and approved.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved to New Business.
5. EXTENSION REPORTS
 - a. JUNIOR LEADERS: No meeting since last council meeting. Next Meeting is 4/14/25
 - b. AG SOCIETY: Looking to replace park place pavilion. Heather Compton hopes to meet with the Fire Marshall regarding fair buildings & met with livestock superintendents. Rules from state fire marshal will be mailed out.
 - c. EXTENSION BOARD: No meeting. Tree sale extended to 4/18/25. See Extension Board Facebook page.
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 - a. EXTENSION EDUCATOR: School based programing on embryology: Hebron 3/31. Heav Elm at 4/1
 - i. Mindful Me at Morgan Twp. (Eating, emotions, listening)
 - ii. Email for 4-H Band (6/21-23), Chorus (6/21-6/24), Academy (6/11-6/13) was sent out today. Looking for adult chaperones. 4-H Roundup (6/23-6/25) at Purdue, also need chaperones to volunteer.
 - iii. New updates to fair entry to make date entry & classes easier. Draft Horse, Horse & Pony & Mini Equine complete.
 - b. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Motion to approve reports: 1st: Ryan Wilson 2nd: Beth Wilcox. No objections and is approved.
 - i. EXECUTIVE: No meeting since February.
 - ii. SCHOLARSHIP Committee will be the same as last year. Apps due 4/14, Interviews 4/29 & 30th. Meeting may be scheduled before interviews.
 1. Keller: 5 given at \$4,000.00
 2. Alumni: There is funds for four or five left.
 3. Swarner: No more money is available and none available.
 4. Changing the way awards are given. Students no longer need to give proof of grades.
 5. Open Discussion: Should we present at 10 year presentation
 - iii. BUDGET Moved to New Business and Bob Wichlinski will present an Omnibus Budget Request for Approval.



- iv. CONSTITUTION: No Report
- v. RULES COMMITTEE Rabbit: Changes to rules. Discussion over changes to rules without Rules committee (Cyndi Morgan). Changes made in January after rules committee met and new rules voted on in January meeting. Rabbit changes was due to Supt change.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. List of Sponsors to be given to livestock committees to get their own sponsors. Moving more to barn sponsorships & trophies out of there. List of awards will be sent by end of week from Meagan Ferguson.
- b. 4-H Open House: May not happen due to dates being booked in the building. Needs to be planned earlier.
- c. New Committees: Email will go out asking for your 1st & second choices

8. NEW BUSINESS – Bob presenting info from budget meeting. Omnibus Motion from Finance Meeting : 1st: Bob Wichlinski & 2nd from Cyndi Morgan: If approved. Leaves \$135,448.31. Leaves about \$77,000 available for upgrades to equipment. See Attached budget.

- a. A funds request letter is being drafted and sent to clubs to request funding.
- b. Senior Gifts: we can no longer do amazon gift cards. E=mail Heather and give ideas for 10 year gifts. We have 34 10 year members & 50 seniors
- c. Upgrading 4-H equipment: Scales, Display Cases budgets being created.
- d. CD's to be opened this week and run for 7 months

9. MAKING THE BEST BETTER None

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

11. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 @ 7 pm TBA

12. ADJOURN: motion by 1st: Ryan Wilson & 2nd: Lisa Teel. All approved & adjourned 7:57pm.

Porter County 4-H Council

Finance & Budget Committee Motion

All sums in U.S. Dollars (USD)

March 18, 2025

Porter County 4-H Council Treasurer Bob Wichlinski presents for full Council consideration and approval the following omnibus motion pertaining to financial matters:

- 1.) Scholarship Amounts – To set the annual scholarship amounts and totals as follows:
 - a. Keller – five (5) scholarships at \$ 4,000 each
 - b. Alumni – one (1) scholarship at \$ 1,000 each (awarded for the next 4 years or until the funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first).
- 2.) Scholarship Distribution Date – To present the scholarship checks to the recipients at the Porter County Fair annually.
- 3.) Scholarship Certificates of Deposit (CDs) – Allocate 4-H funds presently on account in checking and saving accounts at 1st Source Bank, to create Certificates of Deposit (CDs) at 1st Source Bank in the following amounts:
 - a. Keller Scholarship: \$ 115,500
 - b. Alumni Scholarship: \$ 4,000
 - c. Bloom Scholarship: \$ 37,000
 - d. Ellsworth Scholarship: \$ 34,500
 - e. Gustafson Scholarship: \$ 24,500
- 4.) Operating Funds - Allocate 4-H funds presently on account in checking and saving accounts at 1st Source Bank to create a Certificate of Deposit (CD) in the following amount:
 - a. Operations Fund Reserve: \$ 75,000
- 5.) To identify checking account # 1 at 1st Source Bank as the “Operations Fund” of Porter County 4-H Council.
- 6.) To identify checking account # 2 at 1st Source Bank as the “Scholarship Fund” clearing account of Porter County 4-H Council and allocate \$ 25,000 to that account.
- 7.) To appropriate the 2025 budget, an additional \$ 8,000 (i.e., \$ 500.00 for each 4-H Club in Porter County) for Club development. The application, approval & distribution process will be administered by a committee created by the Porter County 4-H Council President or assigned to an existing committee.
- 8.) To appropriate the 2025 budget, an additional \$ 1,500 for “School Outreach Programs.”

The synopsis of the matters named above are as follows:

Checking & Savings Account Balance:	\$ 450,948.31 (March 18, 2025)
Amount to Allocate to Scholarship CDs:	\$ 215,500.00
Amount to Allocate to Operations Reserve CD:	\$ 75,000.00
Amount to Allocate to Checking Account # 2:	\$ 25,000.00
Projected Balance in Checking Account # 1:	\$ 135,448.31

Last	First	Club	Council Position (Leader, ParentMember, Rep, Committee Chair At Large)	3/18/25 Attenda nce
Birky	Cheri	Fair Board		
Boomer	Suellen	South County Clovers		
Boomer	Jake	South County Clovers		
Boone	Lisa	Pleasant Pioneers		
Byers	Christi	Superintendent		
Case	Noah	Beef Supt	At Large	
Compton	Heather	Jackson Volunteers	President	x
DiSanto	Michelle	Boone Busters		
Ferguson	Audrey May	Discovery Trackers	Junior Leaders	
Ferguson	Kayden	Discovery Trackers		
Ferguson	Meagan	Discovery Trackers	Vice President	x
Fifield	Buzz		Superintendent	
Fifield	April	Center Wildcats	Leader/Supt	
Goetz	Leah	Washington Wiz Kids		
Goetz	Isaiah	Washington Wiz Kids		
Good	Marty		Ag Society President	
Gratz	Brianne	Center Wildcats	Audlt Leader Rep	x
Hanson	Annette	Discovery Trackers		
Higer	Justin		Secretary	x
Hough	Cinda			
Hough	Teddy			
Jackson	Jeremiah	Center Wildcats		
Jackson	Judith	Center Wildcats		
Jackson	Rachel	Center Wildcats	At Large	
Jung	Addison	Boone Busters	Club Rep	
Keller	Daryl		Awards Chair	x
Kessler	Lauren	Center Wildcats	Council Member Rep	
King	Stacey	Morgan Sodbusters	Leader	
Lewin	Janelle	Boone Grove FF		
Lewin	Faith	Boone Grove FF		
Lewin	Leah	Boone Grove FF		

Lillaruel	Becky			
Lockett	Stephany	South County Clovers		
Lockett	Kayla	South County Clovers		
Lucas	Sheila	Center Homesteaders	Leader	
Lucas	Andrea	Center Homesteaders	Club Rep	
Marshall	Amy	Boone Busters	Leader	
Maxwell	Leslie	Boone Grove FF		
McEvoy	Jake		At Large	
McGlothlen	Angie			
McGlothlen	Liam			
Metzger	Carmin			x
Morris	Jamie		4-H State Office	x
Myers	Jen		Extension Educator	x
Millarruel	Anika			
Morgan	Cyndi	Container Garden Sup	At Large	x
Norrod	Sophie	Center Wildcats	Club Rep	x
O'Rourke	Amber	Washington Wiz Kids		
Odom	Laura	-----		
Oman	Levi	Rabbit Super	At Large	
Otey	Christi	Morgan HH	Parent Rep	
Otey	Shiloh	Morgan HH	Club Rep	
Pressel	Kevin			
Ranus	Nicole	Portage Trailblazers		
Reed	Jacob		At Large	
Rudd	Connie	Bookkeeper	At Large	
Russell	Amy	Liberty Sun Setters		
Russell	Sandi		At Large	
Saldana	Miranda	Morgan Sodbusters	Dog Superintendent	
Sauerwein	Janet	Pleasant Pioneers		
Schilmiller	Ryen	Hebron Boone Busters	Audlt Leader Rep	
Schilmiller	Robert	Hebron Boone Busters		
Spears	Emma	Liberty Sun Setters		
Stack	Lori	----		
Tancos	Kimberly	Guest		
Taylor	Stacey			
Teel	Lisa	Center Wildcats	Audlt Leader Rep	x

Teitge	Pat		Goat Rep	
Tochimani	Aria	Morgan HH	Club Rep	
Tochimani	Rachel	Morgan HH	Club Rep	
Wallace	Cassie			
Waltz	Julia	Lakeshore Drifters		
Weitzel	Jeff	BBQ/Vet Science Sup	At Large	
White	Elizabeth	Center Wildcats	Club Rep	x
Wichlinski	Bob		Treasurer	x
Wilcox	Beth	Draft Horse Supt	At Large	x
Wilcox	Josh	Draft Horse Committee	At Large	
Wilder	Kathy	Liberty Hot Shots	Asst. Leader	x
Wilson	Ryan	<u>Liberty Sun Setters</u>		x
Wilson	Kenadie	<u>Liberty Sun Setters</u>		