



PORTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024



1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm – Tammy Cox
2. PLEDGES American: Aria T & 4-H: April Fifield
3. MINUTES APPROVAL: September 17, 2024 – Approval: 1st: Cyndi Morgan 2nd: Lisa Teel
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Presenting getting the program fully funded. We were in deficit spending and working toward getting out of that. 4-H in Porter Co is now fully funded by the Porter County Government thanks to the County Commissioners & Council. Bob suggests youth send thank you letters to the county.
 - a. Bob presented budget along with actual expenditures
 - b. Bank balances: 1st Source #1: \$19,113.25, 1st Source #2: \$150,315.01, \$5,585 in Savings
5. EXTENSION REPORTS
 - a. JUNIOR LEADERS: Need food donations for the micro shelter. Meetings moved to 2nd Monday of the month.
 - b. AG SOCIETY: Justin Higer submitted building improvements to Fair Board
 - c. EXTENSION BOARD: Looking for 2 individuals to represent 4-H (Advocate for extension.) Typically 4 meetings a year with an annual meeting.
 - d. EXTENSION EDUCATOR
 - i. One Book One School at South Haven with 300 kids k-5th learning about 4-H. Thank you Beth Wilcox for bringing Duke the Draft Horse.
 - ii. 4-H will be in the Chesterton Twilight Parade. Horse Drawn wagon & tractor. 11/30/24
 - iii. 4-H open house potentially in January (static project supts) No date & location yet.
 - iv. Multiple opportunities for Supt in Building Projects. Please reach out to Jen & Angel for a list of available.
- e. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - i. EXECUTIVE: Met before & discussed what is seen under new business.
 - ii. AWARDS: Brought to attention 2024 Recipients have not received anything. Something needs to be sent out. Need an update on status from Keller & Council on their award status.
 - iii. BUDGET: No Report – President Elect meeting will be set for financial transition
 - iv. CONSTITUTION: None
 - v. RULES COMMITTEE: Rule Changes presented & approved
Teel Motion to approve 2nd & Ryan Wilson – Approved

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Thank you notes – to the County Commissioners office: Thank you cards are at the Extension Office. Plenty for as many as would like to do it. Jen will send out an email to ask how many each club would like and then have them dropped back off at the office. Please have these returned ASAP prior to term change at end of the year. Last meeting is December 3rd.
- b. Discussion on ribbon recycling at the fair if 4-H members do not want the ribbons
- c. Budget approval – Ribbon order: Ribbons were ordered 10/3/24 with a PO totaling \$19,639.27 – well over budgeted amount.
 - i. Appropriation for budget must be made for additional funds
 - ii. Additional ribbons were ordered due to the increase in enrollment
 1. Enrollment & project awards studied by Jennifer & office for 2024 and what may be needed in the future
 2. Possibly will not need to order as many ribbons in 2026
 - iii. Motion to Approve appropriation **\$8,000.77**: 1st: Heather Compton; 2nd: Rachel Jackson... Approved
- d. 2025 Rule Change Requests
 - i. See Attached Rule Change Sheet
 - ii. Bridges discussion: language changed to include “All basswood for level B is required to be cut during the workshop in April or arrangements must be made with the superintendent
 - iii. Motion to Approve rule changes: 1st: Justin Higer & 2nd: Rachel Jackson Approved
- e. November Elections – President position
 - i. Nominations from the floor: None
 - ii. Submitted: Heather Compton
 - iii. Motion to nominate Heather Compton to President of 4-H Council by Jacob Reed & 2nd by Lisa Teel
 1. Floor Vote None opposed! Con

8. MAKING THE BEST BETTER: None

9. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

10. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 7 pm at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds

11. MOTIOPN to ADJOURN 1st: Ryan Wilson 2nd: Approved at 8:23pm

THANK YOU TAMMY COX!