

# LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE AGENDA

*September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

## **Pledges**

## **Introductions**

Mark Crowley, Bobette Lyyski, Amy Alder, Rachel George, Dick Wedin, Becky McDowell, Aimee Hanson, Sam Fekkes, Becky Carollo, Steve Russell, Erin Tostenson, David Fiske, Zoey Miller, Sammi Jo Sims, Charlie McIntosh, Taylor Jarman, Kylie Rinehart, Kara Stein

## **Minutes**

Erin moves to approve, Dick seconds, motion passes.

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## **Beef Project:**

*Beef Fair Judge: Kaylee Kerbs*

### Fair Review:

- Great job in showmanship classes – lots of improvement in our county kids (:
  - Good job feeding at heavier weights, only one steer was too light.
  - Good feedback on judge overall, spent a long time talking with kids, took a little longer judging this year than last, very approachable.
  - Fitting area worked well but was crowded, breakfast was great, herdsmanship judge came on Sunday and gave same score to all clubs across the board
  - Reminder to discuss with families how to treat volunteers
  - Multiple families expressed interest in a commercial class – would be an additional contest/class, would also need bred-known class
    - Sam F, Taylor/Skyler J, Aimee H, Charlie M, Erin/Kyle T – forming committee
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## **Dairy Project:**

*Dairy Fair Judge: Melissa Leatherman*

### Fair Review:

- Went great!
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## **Goat Project:**

*Goat Fair Judge: Sandi Weishaupt*

### Fair Review:

- Went good!
  - Did not hear any negative feedback on judge, efficient on market day
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## **Sheep Project:**

*Sheep Fair Judge: Kaylee Kerbs*

### Fair Review: \*Per Shannon's email\*

- Great fair & sale
  - Recommends no scrapie tag in Showworks/Showman app as we don't use it
  - Will adjust load out
  - Considering adjusting pre-show date for sheep due to ongoing conflict with graduation
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**Swine Project:**

*Swine Fair Judge: Matt Kennedy (80 days)*

**Fair Review:**

- Fans were needed in old swine barn – poor air flow
  - Herdsmanship judge came through a couple times during showtimes
  - Final drive was hard on hogs – too long and too many animals in the ring
  - Load out – consider having a designated group to help with this
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**Other Business:**

- Last minute photographer cancellation this year – next year planning to reach out to Sunrise Livestock and Hannah Mulbier to be general contractor

**FFA Report:**

- Ellensburg Horse and Livestock judging placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Othello Fair
- Emily Ryder running for national officer
- Patti Gylling offered to help revamp animal parts section of livestock judging contest
- Decline in reasons scores – reasons clinic may be helpful for the county.
- Kittitas FFA participated in Adams County fair

**Grange Report:**

- N/A

**Fair & Sale Report:**

- Over \$594,000 in sale money, plus over \$100,000 additional in add-ons
- Checks will be going out soon – list of add-ons will be with the checks
  - Checks will be written in order of money coming in
- Reminder for kids to send thank you letters, the earlier the better

**Announcements:**

- Thank you to Sheepsteers for the ice-cream social (:
- Encourage kids to sign up for sharing activity – almost 80 participated this year!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:21 p.m.

**2025 Livestock Dates**

Next 4-H Council Meeting – September 30<sup>th</sup>

Theme: **Country Charm from the Farm!**

Next Livestock Committee Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup>