

Toole County 4-H Council  
August 5, 2025, 5:30 pm  
Toole County Ambulance Barn

**Council Members Present:** Emilie Vetch, Sanna Clark, Barb Larsen, Lindsey Habets, Crystal McAlpine, Extension Agent Kim Woodring

**Council Members Absent:** Ashley Denno, Alyssa Besancon, Jesse Thompson

**Guest 4-H members Present:** Kacey Wipf, Orion Vetch

President Emilie Vetch called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm.

**Correspondence:**

**Secretary's Report:**

The June 3, 2025 Minutes were read aloud by Lindsey. There were 2 corrections needed: Page 1, there were 53 signed up for Cloverbud Day Camp (not Fashion Revue); Page 2, "West Butte 4-H Club" (not Sunburst) held a Cloverbuds Presentation Day. Sanna moved to accept the meeting minutes as corrected, Crystal seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ashely Denno was absent, so no treasurer's report was given.

**Committee/Events Reports:**

Kacey Wipf told the council Thank You for helping fund her trip. She said it went great. She participated in Rapid fire, silhouette and slow fire. She placed 43 out of 73.

(Kacey Wipf of the West Butte 4-H Club was selected to represent Montana on the air pistol team at Nationals in Nebraska in June. She did some of her own fundraising but requested funds from the council with 1/3 coming from the Bret Wanken Scholarship and 1/3 coming from her own fundraising. Council was to pay around \$956 for her travel costs. Kim emailed out this information on 5/21/25. By email response the same day, Sanna moved to find Kacey Wipf's funding request and Jesse Thompson seconded.) This should have been in the previous month's minutes. Adding in this month's minutes, so at least it's here!

**Cloverbud Day Camp**

Barb gave a report on how Cloverbud Day Camp went. It was Toole County's turn to host the camp. Over 65 kids registered. The theme was "To Infinity and Beyond Ready", a spaced themed camp for the 4 county area Cloverbuds. Farmers Union sponsored the lunch. The kids all had a great time building rockets and doing activities.

#### 4-H Camp

Kim reported on 4-H camp. There were 16 kids from Toole county who attended. It was a new location this year for everyone. 4-H Camp was held at the Farmer's Union Camp in Highwood instead of the lodge in Havre. Kim was in attendance and she said everybody had a good time.

#### 4-H Congress

Kim reported she took one Toole County 4-Her (Annika Isakson) to 4-H congress. She said it had been a while since anyone has gone to congress and it was great. Sanna moves for the council to pay for Annika to attend 4-H Congress, Barb seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

#### Showmanship Clinic

Barb reported that the small animal workshop was well attended. Discussion was held on how the large animal workshop went as well. It was mentioned to make sessions longer next year.

#### **Old Business:**

##### Marias Fair

Discussion was held. While it was nice and cool this year, we had a lot of rain and mud. Emilie suggested more gravel for some areas on the fairgrounds. Sanna talked about difficulties in dropping off animals, and some areas were very muddy. There was some congestion near the food booth area with people dropping off open class items at the Mercantile Building too. (Which was new this year - using the Mercantile building for ALL open class activities and exhibits.)

The Fair Board did their Family Fun Night again at the grandstands. One of the events is a chicken rodeo where kids can try to catch a chicken and they get to keep it. Council members discussed issues with chickens being left to roam at the fairgrounds after that. There have also been reports of stray chickens all around the town of Shelby, and a couple seen dead on the roads. Discussion also that some people had witnessed chickens not being treated humanely. It's agreed that this issue should be brought up to the Marias Fair Board. Kim said she would talk with them at a meeting.

Cloverbud Chicken Show - An idea for next year is to wait a while to tell the Cloverbuds to go get their chickens. Kids and families ended up standing there holding them for quite a while. Barb reported that the show went well though. There were 4 tables and plenty of room for all the Cloverbuds.

A nice addition to the fair was the speakers in the barns. Everyone could hear what judges and extension staff were announcing in the Seewald Barn.

Lindsey mentioned she brought a baby fence and toys along for the littles to play in during the chicken show. Lots of parents brought their babies or toddlers over to play for a while. It was a great thing to have, either giving parents a little break or allowing them to actually watch their older children show their chickens.

### New Business:

Cloverbud Income

Barb supplied this income report for Cloverbuds:

A handwritten income report for Cloverbuds on lined paper. The title 'Cloverbud Income' is written at the top. Below it, several items are listed with their corresponding dollar amounts. The items are: t-shirt sponsorships (\$610.00 + \$150 + \$30 = \$790.00), MT Farmers Union Sentence Grant (\$100.00), Farmers Market Meals (\$1,062.00) and Tips (\$57.35), MT Farmers Union (\$250.00), and Cloverbud Day Camp Food (\$259.35). The total amount, \$2,599.35, is written at the bottom.

| Cloverbud Income                |                                                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| t-shirt sponsorships            | - \$610. <sup>00</sup> + \$150 + \$30 = \$790. <sup>00</sup> |
| MT Farmers Union Sentence Grant | \$100. <sup>00</sup>                                         |
| Farmers Market Meals            | \$1,062. <sup>00</sup>                                       |
| Tips                            | \$57. <sup>35</sup>                                          |
| MT Farmers Union                | \$250. <sup>00</sup>                                         |
| Cloverbud Day Camp Food         | \$259.35                                                     |
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|                                 | \$2,599.35                                                   |

Thank You's for Public Presentation Day Judges

Barb purchased gift cards from Whistle Stop Coffee Shop to give with Thank You notes for Public Presentation Day judges. Sanna moves to reimburse Barb \$60 for the gift cards, Crystal seconds.

Record Books and Award Nominations

Due to leaders on the 15th and due to Kim on the 22nd.

Awards and Achievement Day

Kim said to be thinking on who to nominate for Leader & Alumni of the year, Distinguished & Meritorious Service. We held a discussion on where to hold Achievement Day.

Conversation about Nanna Flesch Scholarship. Amount of money to award - Need to discuss at next meeting.

Shelby Activity Fair - Kim will have a booth there. At the school orientation evening.

Lindsey brought up a potential teen leader project. She suggested that the ceiling in the Exhibit Building could use a coat of white paint. The spray foam up above is seen throughout the whole building. She stated it's always been a difficult building to take photos in, because the ugly yellow ceiling casts off that color onto people in photos. The Exhibit Building is used by 4-Hers all throughout the year for meetings, as well as for archery club, weddings and other events. Improving the appearance (mainly just the awful looking ceiling) of the Exhibit Building could be of benefit to the whole community.

Lindsey also let everyone know that this would be her last council meeting. Her and her family are planning to move to Golden Valley County in a couple weeks.

The Next Council Meeting will be September 23 @ 6:30 pm at the Extension office.

Sanna moved to adjourn. Krystal seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Habets

4-H Council Secretary