

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation

June 11, 2025

Bill Hamilton Building

Karyn Hamilton- President	
Michelle Eckhardt- Vice-President	
Janet Cerovski- Treasurer	
Laurie Sullivan- Secretary	
William Sullivan- 4-H Council Representative	
Mackenzie Velin- Foundation Youth Rep	
Kiley Eckhardt- Guest	
Luke Duran- Board Member	
Alyssa Schmidt- 4-H Extension Agent	

Meeting was called to order by Karyn Hamilton, President, at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes were approved as printed, with corrections to Karyn's and Janet's names. The correction to the Foundation scholarships from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 each.

Janet gave the Treasurer's report. Report was approved. Janet paid \$385.00 to Gerald LaChere for the Clings and Sponsor signs. She was finalizing the information to make payment for the scholarship winners.

**Old Business:**

Alyssa gave us an update on renovating the animal scale in the BHB. The retrofit of the scale was started by Rocky Mountain Scales. He added a monitor with a printer. The printer will give tickets with the animal's weight on it. The scale should be completed by Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Alyssa Schmidt followed up on her grant opportunities to the Foundation.

1. MJ Murdoch Grant. This is a grant aimed to help with the expansion of the Bill Hamilton Building. It is intended to help with groups that have a cultural significance, educational in nature, and are in the Western U.S. Alyssa is working with Kevin Tenny (Fairgrounds Manager) to pursue the grant through a different avenue. A suggestion was to use the Friends of the Fairgrounds as a possible organization to apply for the grant.
2. A fundraising idea brought forth by Alyssa would be a community wellness screening in partnership with St. Peter's Health. The screening would be done at the BHB in the fall with the 4-Hers helping with various tasks designated by St. Peter's health. She has contacted the names given to her by Michelle Eckhardt but has not received any feedback yet.
3. Alyssa was going to find out how to apply for the Dennis and Phyllis Washington grant.

Scholarship requests were received to help (2) 4-H members with the expense of camp. Janet was working with Jana to move the money to council.

Janet and Alyssa were going to work on delivering the Window Clings to the Foundation Sponsors with the help of the new Ambassadors.

4-H growth in the county is still being actively discussed with many ideas put forth. Allowing only one market animal per 4-H member, moving shows to provide flexibility of space and looking at reconfiguring the space that we already have. More discussion to follow.

Rebecca Gruber won the Brian Wacker scholarship and will be recognized at the Livestock Sale on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

Foundation has contributed \$100.00 to each 4-H member attending Pre-Congress and Congress with \$50.00 to each member attending Congress.

Bill proposed a \$100.00 gift card award as an incentive for the 4-H kids to attend the 4-H recognition event at the beginning of the Last Chance Rodeo. Luke made a motion and Bill seconded. The motion carried.

Murdoch's will be having their Round Up Event in October to benefit the 4-H Foundations in each county in Montana. Alyssa will give us more detail as it gets closer to October.

Luke stated the Prickly Pear 4-H club was making a donation of \$189.00 to the Foundation.

Luke was going to be a Moderator for the Helena Foundation Conversation Event. He was proposing his table would talk about 4-H. He is also looking into an idea of setting up a 4-H display in the new Heritage Center.

Karyn Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. directly following the Council Meeting.

Laurie Sullivan

Secretary

**Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation**  
**October 1, 2024 - June 10, 2025**

**Account Income**

5000	Foundation 1% from Clubs (F)	\$	305.45	
5001	Rebid Donation (F)			
5002	Sponsorships (F)	\$	11,484.56	[FY24 - \$14,475]
5003	Raffle & Events (F)	\$	335.12	Resturant Nights
5004	Bill Hamilton Building Income (F)	\$	4,350.00	Rebate from NW Energy lights
5017	Donation (F)	\$	50.00	Sandra Eckhart
5024	NRA Grant (F)	\$	4,168.00	
5054	Montana Shares (F)	\$	542.14	Michelle Eckhart
5005	Club Closure (F)	\$	112.05	
5101	Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)	\$	500.00	

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 21,847.32</b>
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**Account Expenses**

6001	Building Improvement (F)	\$	37,592.00	repair damage, floor sealing, banner
6021	1% due on Club accounts (F)	\$	301.97	
6035	Project Assistance (F)			
6045	Event Assistance (F)	\$	5,501.52	Camp, Legislative Breakfast, Rec Lab
6055	Awards & Recognition (F)			
6075	Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)			
6078	Assist Individuals & Family (F)	\$	700.00	Fall Training
6079	Foundation Scholarship (F)			
6301	NRA Grant (F)	\$	4,168.00	
6319	Office Supplies (F)	\$	447.75	Letterhead, envelopes, postcards, checks
6321	Postage (F)	\$	26.88	
6323	Signs & Clings (F)	\$	385.00	
6350	4-H Council - Community Events	\$	335.12	Resturant Nights
6415	Operating Expense (F) - Secretary of State	\$	-	fee waived for year 2025
6540	Contracted Services (F) - TechSoup	\$	80.00	
	Legal & Professional Services - 990 Return	\$	425.00	

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 49,963.24</b>
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**\*BANK ACCOUNT \$ 38,232.21**

\*includes money held for Brian Wacker Scholarship \$ 4,685.00

\*includes Club Closure money \$ 954.72

**HOLDING \$ 5,639.72**

**AVAILABLE \$ 32,592.49**

**Managed Investment as of December 31, 2024 \$ 153,933.33**