

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation

October 8, 2025

Bill Hamilton Building

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| Karyn Hamilton- Foundation President                 | Lisa Grady- Guest         |
| Michelle Eckhardt- Foundation Vice-President (phone) | Sara Dearing-Youth Guest  |
| Laurie Sullivan- Foundation Secretary                | Tucker Selby- Youth Guest |
| William Sullivan- 4-H Council Representative         |                           |
| Katie Grady-Selby- 4-H Council President             |                           |
| Jana Gruber- 4-H Council Treasurer                   |                           |
| Alyssa Schmidt- 4-H Extension Agent                  |                           |
| Melissa Velin-4-H Council Vice President             |                           |
| Emily Gulick-Guest                                   |                           |

Meeting was called to order by Karyn Hamilton, President, at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes were approved as printed, with no corrections.

Karyn gave the Treasurer's report. Janet had reported \$24,702.04 and \$56,327.96 in expenses with a remaining balance of \$36,275.84. Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation has \$161,000 in the MSU affiliated funds. The 4 clubs that had closed were close to the time frame where their held funds could be dispensed. The report was approved.

**Old Business:**

The animal scale was completed and used at fair.

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

1. MJ Murdoch Grant and the Dennis Washington grant are being pursued by the county grant writer Ann McCauley. Alyssa is in contact with her to work on these grants for our 4-H community.
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. Alyssa is still actively seeking help from Jane Woolery with this idea.

All the window clings were delivered to the people who donated to the Foundation.

Rebecca Gruber was the recipient of the Brian Wacker scholarship and Ayla Mundinger-Adsay received \$1,000 to help with expenses for her trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.

**New Business:**

Foundation has contributed \$100.00 to each 4-H member/adult chaperone attending the Fall leadership Training in Butte in November. The motion was passed.

Foundation elections were held for the year 2025-2026.

President: Karyn Hamilton

Vice President: Michelle Eckhardt

Treasurer: Janet Cerovski

Secretary: Laurie Sullivan

Youth Representatives: Sara Dearing

Tucker Selby

4-H Leader Board Member: Emily Gulick

Community Board Member: Lisa Grady

Discussion about the annual letter for donating to the 4-H Foundation. A new letter with bigger font and updating the mailing list was mentioned. Katie was going to reach out to Allegra and see what the cost would be to use a mailing list like the Livestock Buyers list. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Karyn Hamilton proposed a fundraising opportunity with the World's Finest Chocolate. The ambassadors could sell the chocolate at their booth in the East Helena Christmas stroll. The Foundation would pay for the chocolate, and the ambassadors would sell the chocolate and the proceeds would be split between the two entities. Sara would present this proposal to the Ambassador meeting.

Karyn Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled on Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. directly following the Council Meeting.

Laurie Sullivan

Secretary

**Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation**  
**October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025**

**Account Income**

|                     |                                   |                     |                              |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 5000                | Foundation 1% from Clubs (F)      | \$ 305.45           |                              |
| 5001                | Rebid Donation (F)                | \$ 2,740.00         | 2025 Livestock Sale          |
| 5002                | Sponsorships (F)                  | \$ 11,484.56        |                              |
| 5003                | Raffle & Events (F)               | \$ 449.84           | Restaurant 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           | Until 12/2026                |
| 5101                | Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)      | \$ 500.00           |                              |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> |                                   | <b>\$ 24,702.04</b> |                              |

**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)                       | \$ 7,151.52         | Camp, Legislative Breakfast, Rec Lab, Congress |
| 6055                  | Awards & Recognition (F)                   | \$ 100.00           | 4-H Night at Rodeo                             |
| 6075                  | Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)               | \$ 1,500.00         |  |
| 6078                  | Assist Individuals & Family (F)            | \$ 700.00           | Fall Training                                  |
| 6079                  | Foundation Scholarship (F)                 | \$ 3,000.00         |  |
| 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             | \$ 449.84           | Restaurant 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>\$ 56,327.96</b> |  |

**\*BANK ACCOUNT** \$ **36,275.84**

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

\*includes Club Closure money \$ 954.72

**HOLDING** \$ **5,639.72**

**AVAILABLE** \$ **30,636.12**

**Managed Investment as of June 30, 2025** \$ **161,108.77**

Club Closure - hold for club if re-instates in 2 years

## October Treasurers Report – Meeting October 8, 2025

Report is for completed 4-H Year 2025. Pass around 2 copies.  
No outstanding invoices. Year-end with \$36,275.84 in checking.

Explanation:

REBIDS:

Tempest Technology purchased a sheep and sent back to rebid. Montana City Meats purchased the sheep for \$5.00/lb – donating to Foundation \$580.00.

Tempest Technology purchase a swine and sent back to rebid. Capital City Drilling purchased the swine for \$8.00/lb – donating to Foundation \$2,160.00.

TRACKING CLUB CLOSURE ACCOUNTS: hold for 2 years

|            |                        |           |            |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 10/16/2023 | Red Mountain 4-H Club  | \$ 356.15 | 10/16/2025 |
| 10/16/2023 | Birdseye Outs & Abouts | \$ 206.38 | 10/16/2025 |
| 1/23/2024  | Golden Livestock       | \$ 280.14 | 1/23/2026  |
| 12/3/2024  | Silver Creek Stock     | \$ 112.05 | 12/3/2026  |
|            |                        |           | \$ 954.72  |

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## NEW BUSINESS:

Create 2026 Sponsor letter

Update Sponsor form

Print in Extension office – date?

Will President sign each letter or sign master copy

Date to stuff and send letters – I will volunteer to create mailing labels