



Yellowstone County Council Minutes May 7, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Sheena Stenberg at 6:50 pm

Pledges: Ella Dykes led the pledges

Minutes: Minutes from the February 5th, 2026 meeting were read. Chris Dykes moved to accept the minutes as read, Heather Arkell seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Rochelle Smith reported \$155,967.13 in the account as of April 30th, 2026. Heather Arkell moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Chris Dykes seconded, motion passed.

The Yellowstone County BB Gun Team (Ella Dykes, Eva Rouse, Trig Rouse, Jacob Schiermeister, Gunner Hanson, Tristan Beddes, Traden Beddes Karlin Clayton and Bo Martin) came to request assistance with funding their trip to the National Shooting Competition in Rodger, Arkansas. They won the opportunity by taking 3rd at the State Competition. There are 9 shooters and 2 coaches going. Heather Arkell moved to give \$500 to each of the 11 attending, Jamie Krug seconded, motion passed. Excess funds will be moved from Leaders State Forum budget.

Trish Hays and Heather Arkell are looking for sponsors for the Rimrock Sheep and Goat Show, we'll either add a line item to the budget in the future or rename the Yellowstone Classic Beef Show. Stephanie Johnson moved to give \$300, Chris Dykes seconded. Extra funds in the 2026 AQA budget will be used the show will be added to the 2027 budget.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

4-H Building: Planters- Blue creek Jumping Bucks will take on the flower boxes this year. Roni will visit with the clubs that did the Window Washing last year to see if they still want to do that this year, and she requested that all groups that use the building do a light clean up after their event and designate someone to check bathrooms for unflushed toilets.

Committees:

Dept. N

Events Day/Communication Day: Discussed during the Dept N meeting, Stephanie Johnson suggested a gift card for Andee Baker, who was a huge help while Roni was unable to be there, Carolyn Brito moved we give a \$100 Amazon gift card to Andee, Sheena Stenberg seconded, motion passed. Stephanie will purchase the card.

Fair: Dawson Siebolt is taking on the Dept N Superintendent role, Jazmyn Brelje will be assisting him. Emily Lynch and Holly Parks will oversee Best of Class and Buy a Piece of 4-H. Need JR Coordinators and Clerks, also a Jr Coordinator-Coordinator is needed. Still looking for volunteers to take on other roles that are a part of Dept N.

Rec Lab: Carolyn Brito reported that the workshops were good, and the speaker was good.

Dept. A:

Tagging- Out of County exhibitor fee increased to \$50 from \$35, number of animals tagged was given

AQA: Last face to Face AQA and Horse Helmet was May 1st, great turnout.

Fair: Need help for Herdsmanship

Dog/Cat Show: Registrations due May 8th

Camp: Applications due May 8th, Camp is from June 9th to June 12th. Ella Dykes reported on the plans that are underway

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders: Met early May, helped at Events Day, are hosting the June 2nd Fair info meeting, working on Cloverbud Camp Plans (July 16th 9am to 3pm at the 4-H Building). Will also be representing 4-H at the Shipton's 4-H appreciation Day on May 30th.

Exchange: Delaware cancelled.

New Business:

Fair: Talked about entries, handbook consolidation

Awards: Nominate for State Volunteer Awards

4-H Congress: Registration opened May 5th, is July 7th through the 10th in Bozeman

Agent Report:

Fair Sticker Contest: No entries, deadline extended to June 5th.

Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation: Only a few applied for scholarships this year so Roni asked if we could have some of the scholarship funds to buy new small animal cages.

Calls to Join 4-H: Let them know enrollment for the year is closed, but find ways to get them involved- get them to a meeting-invite them to activities, workshops. Etc.

Nominating, Policy and Budget Committee: Chris and Ella Dykes, Sheene Stenberg, Stephanie Johnson, Caroline Brito and Rochelle Smith will serve on this year's committee. Meeting is planned for July 23rd, 6 pm at the 4-H Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: June 4th, 6:30 pm following Department N

Submitted by

Angie Murdick

Secretary