4-H Council minutes September 2026

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Sheena Stenberg at 7:10 pm

Pledges: No leaders

Minutes: Minutes from June 3rd, 2026, meeting were read. Heather Arkell moved to approve the minutes as read, Jamie Krug second, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Rochelle Smith reports that our account balance as of August 31, 2026, was 108,375.25 Caroline Brito moved to approve the report as given, Chris Dykes seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Naomi Cass, Hazel Russell and Brooklyn Kuhr came to request assistance funding the trip to National Congress Atlanta and Tate Ackerman requested assistance for his trip to Denver for National Western. The kids each presented what they did to win their respective trips and after discussion Heather Arkell moved to give each member $500, Stephanie Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Family Fun Night: Date for FFN is November 21st. First meeting date is not set at this time; clubs will be notified.

National 4-H Week: Will be October 4th thru the 10th. Discussion as to what some clubs were planning. Blue Creek Jumping Bucks will be holding a Petting Zoo at TSC. Roni provided information that October 5th would be designated "Go Green Day"- members/leaders should wear green or 4-H t-shirts, October 10th would be designated Thankful Thursday- Take time to thank some one that has been an important part of your 4-H journey.

Committees:
Dept. N

Fair: Discussed during Dept N

Activities/Workshops: Let office know of any that you are planning

Dept. A:

Fair: Post Fair meetings for rule changes are underway

AQA: Need Teachers for the classes

Nile Ag Ed: Will be October 12th thru 14th from 8:30 to 2:30, helpers are needed.

County Awards: Discussion sessions: Sunday November 8th at 1pm and 2pm & Tuesday November 10th at 6 pm and 7 pm. Facilitators and Record Book Checkers are needed.

Congress: 17 youth went, kids 4-H age 13+ can plan for next year. Hadleigh Lynch reported that it was fun, but that it felt like it was dedicated to older members. Isabelle Briot commented that having a friend, buddying up is a good idea, Tate Ackerman feels it is important to recruit new members to go.

Nominating, Policy and Budget Committee: Had not met as planned, new date September 221st, 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office.

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders: Had a busy fair- Stephanie Johnson praised the Ambassadors- they got to whatever needed done and just got it done. Teen Leaders were also helping. They will meet on September 8th to start planning for Fall Workshop which is in Butte this year November 6th through the 8th. Must be 4-H age 14+ to go.

Stephanie Johnson announced that Wade Bekkedahl applied for and was accepted as a State Ambassador.

Exchange: Ended up traveling Western MT, planning on a trip to Savannah Georgia next year.

New Business:

Yearly Calendar: Please reach out to office with dates of workshops and meetings so they can get them added

Agent Report:

4-H Now App: Need facilitator

Record books: due September 30th

Workshops and other activities: Start thinking and planning now and let office know.

Heather Arkell moved to adjourn the meeting, Caroline Brito seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: October 1st, 2026, 6:30 pm (no Dept N)

Submitted by Angie Murdick, Secretary