



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

“To Make the Best Better”

Rabbit Post Fair Meeting

January 27, 2026

1. **Call to Order-** 6:01pm
2. **Introductions-** Name, club, favorite season
3. **Attendance-** 32, clubs represented: Burr Oak, Country Side, Farmtastic, Happy Herdsman, Howardsville, Leonidas Do-Best, Mendon Green Clovers, Rolling Clovers
4. **Public comment-** none
5. **Additions to agenda-** Terry Miller moved to approve the agenda, Billy Kruger seconded it. Motion passed
6. **Fair check-in-** Nancy Mangus mentioned using both ends of the barn for checking in and getting more volunteers to help it move faster. Nancy also said that we will attempt to group clubs together like last year. Sydney Kirby, Kaley Thornburgh, and Terry Miller offered to bring a popup tent to provide more shade in line to keep the animals cool and not stressed.
7. **Evaluations-** Nancy Mangus made a motion to do one evaluation for rabbits, instead of two, if youth bring both breeding stock and market rabbits. Terry Miller seconded it. Clubs voted and motion passed.
8. **Show day-** Nancy Mangus brought up ideas on how to make the show run faster, Makenna Henderson brought up having volunteers possibly judge Cloverbuds or even some older 4-H members. Sydney Kirby made a motion to have the breed show split up into 4 class and 6 class and keep crossbred classes, Sarah Trattles seconded it. Clubs voted and there were 4 yes and 4 no. Motion failed.
9. **Auction-** Everyone agreed it ran smoothly and nothing needed to be changed.
10. **Load out-** Kayla Mitchell said we don't have to be out by 11:00am Sunday morning because the fair won't be having fireworks and rides open. You are allowed to take home rabbits Saturday night. Loadout is at 10:00pm Saturday night for the processor, 4-H kids will be able to help this year if your club is assigned. Loadout for take-home rabbits will be on Saturday from 11:00pm to midnight.
11. **Barn setup and tear down-** Barn setup is the Thursday before fair, decorations are allowed just please be mindful of where you are placing them as rabbits love chewing on things.
12. **Old business-**
 - a. Weight changes
 - i. **Old:** 9-17lb per pen with 3lb minimum per rabbit
 - ii. **New:** 10-20lb per pen, no minimum weight per rabbit
13. **Tattoo dates:**
 - a. Sunday, August 9, 10:00am-1:00pm
 - b. Wednesday, August 12, 5:00-7:00pm
14. **Adjournment:** Kayla adjourned at 8:04pm