

**Mountrail County 4-H Council
Council Meeting
Wednesday - August 19, 2026**

AGENDA

Call to Order: President Melissa Vachal
Secretary's Report: Bailey Hawbaker
Treasurer's Report: Krista Littlefield

WELCOME - (name roll call for Secretary report)

OLD BUSINESS:

1) **4-H Horse Show**

- a. Attendance –
 - i. Cloverbuds (5-7): 2; Junior (8-11): 14; Intermediate (12-14): 6; Senior (14-18): 5
 - ii. Mountrail: 20 / Non-Mountrail: 8
- b. Comments or suggestions?

2) **Achievement Days**

- a. 2026 4-H Achievement Days Report & #'s:

Division	2026	2025	2024	Division	2026	2025	2024
Beef Breeding	17	10	18	Dairy Goat Breeding	28	34	26
Beef Market	5	7	3	Dairy Goat Showman.	9	5	5
Beef Showman.	21	17	16	Poultry Breeding	54	61	54
Dairy Cattle Breeding	4	3	4	Market Poultry	3	2	0
Dairy Cattle Showman.	3	2	3	Poultry Showman.	13	18	11
Sheep Breeding	8	11	6	Rabbit Breeding	20	26	20
Market Sheep	9	15	10	Market Rabbit	6	7	10
Sheep Showman.	11	13	9	Rabbit Showman.	8	14	15
Swine Breeding	6	6	8	Communication Arts	6	7	8
Market Swine	8	15	10	Project Expo	7	2	6
Swine Showman	11	14	13	Clothing Revue	3	0	1
Meat Goat Breeding	3	3	6	Static Exhibits - Cloverbud	78	80	105
Meat Goat Showman .	4	3	3	Static Exhibits - Regular	381	364	413
Market Goat	3	3	2				

- b. Ambassador Update
- c. Discussion
 - i. Livestock Concerns – Cameron Istilart
 - ii. Other

3) **Budget Updates**

- a. Income – Top Honor Awards – Adjust from \$2500 to \$2480 (62 available @ \$40/each)
- b. Income – Belt Buckles – Adjust from \$2100 to \$2300 (23 available @ approx. \$100/each)
- c. Expense – Achievement Days Advertising – Adjust from \$450 to \$500 - Price increase
- d. Expense – Administrative – Misc. & Fees – Adjust to cover cleaning table clothes and replacements
- e. CWF/Ignite

NEW BUSINESS:

1) 2026-2027 Registration – New Year Starts 9/1/2026 – Can start enrolling on Sept. 1st

- a. If any clubs have adult or parents that assist frequently at meetings/events or drive youth to events/activities, they need to enroll and complete a volunteer background check to be covered on insurance and to assist with youth.
- b. Please send club meeting schedules to Extension Office.
- c. Club Financial Statements
- d. Other

2) National Judging Teams

- a. Hippology – Sidney Enerson

3) Achievement Days

- a. Approve % to take out of Premium Sale to cover expenses.
 - i. Ach. Days Income & Expense report is tentatively set at 1.5% deduction. See Achievement Days Income/Expense Report for additional % breakdowns.
- b. Other

4) 4-H Awards Day

- a. Event Date: November 8th at 2:00pm
 - i. Buckles will most likely not be done until this time frame and building availability issues on other dates.
- b. Deadlines
 - i. Git R Dun, Project Pin, & Year End Awards – Sept. 4th
 - ii. Friend of 4-H Nominations – September 4th
 - iii. Club of the Year Award – September 27th
- c. Award Recipient Selection
 - i. Schedule meeting date
 - ii. Awards Judged: Project Pin Awards, Year End Awards & Friend of 4-H recipient.
- d. Other

5) National 4-H Week

- a. October 4-10

6) 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement

7) Programming & Other

- a. Additional needs or ideas?

Dates to Set:

Awards Day – Award Recipient Selection -
Winter Council Meeting -

Current Event Dates:

Sept. 1 – New 4-H year starts & 4-H Enrollment Opens on 4-H Online
Sept. 30 – 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement Deadline
Oct. 15 – ND 4-H Ambassador Application Deadline

EXECUTIVE BOARD: President, Past Retiring President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Adult Representatives (2-3), & Youth Representatives (2-3)

Election of Officers:

Current Officers 2025-2026:

- a) **President** – Melissa Vachal
- b) **Vice President** – Barb DeTienne
- c) **Secretary** – Bailey Hawbaker
- d) **Treasurer** – Krista Littlefield
- e) **Adult Representatives** – Robby Alford, Amanda Hynek & Lisa Uran

Newly Elected Officers 2026 - 2027:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

- f) _____

- f) **Youth Representatives (Ages 13+)** – Breanna Istilart, Erika Littlefield & Cooper Sem

Election of Standing Committee(s):

2025-2026:

Livestock – Robby Alford, Heather Braaflat, Barb DeTienne, Laura Fransen, Bailey Hawbaker, Joe Hynek, Cameron Istilart, Steven Littlefield, Grady Uran, Curt Vachal, John Woodbury, & Joe Hynek.

Horse – Sarah Brewer, Ilene Enerson, Anika Istilart, Monica Sem, & Katie Steele

Static – Laura Anderson, Karen Babbitt, Laura Fransen, Rebecca Goettle, Amanda Hynek, Krista Littlefield, Melissa Vachal, Julie Woodbury & Lisa Uran

2026 – 2027:

Livestock: _____

Horse: _____

Static: _____