



LIVESTOCK COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

Revised 9/18/18

P R E A M B L E

The Green Lake County Livestock Council organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, is operated exclusively for the purpose of forming an association of a 4-H members, FFA members, 4-H volunteers and interested individuals who will provide leadership for youth education as it relates to livestock.

The Green Lake County Livestock Council shall be operated principally in the County of Green Lake, State of Wisconsin, and shall use the assets and properties acquired exclusively for the purpose of Livestock Education. No part of collected monies or earnings, or assets on liquidation, shall inure to or for the benefit of any member.

The period of the Green Lake County Livestock Council is perpetual. However, in the event of dissolution of the council, all of its assets and income, current and accumulative, remaining after the payment of legal debts, obligations, and claims shall be disbursed to the Green Lake County Fair.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article I – Name

The name of the council shall be the Green Lake County Livestock Council

The following requirements must be met to be officially recognized as a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group (Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policy)

- Council name
- Youth membership
- Adult leadership that has been approved through the Youth Protection Program
- Educational plan which meets the purposes of the Wisconsin 4-H program
- Youth involvement in leadership and decision-making
- Meet on a continuing basis
- Submit financial record and audit report to the Green Lake County UW-Extension Office once each year (Charter Renewal Form)

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Green Lake County Livestock Council shall be to form an association of 4-H members, FFA members, 4-H volunteers and interested individuals to provide leadership for youth education as it relates to livestock including establishing and enforcing educational standards for youth representing 4-H or FFA at the Green Lake County fair in a livestock project.

As part of the educational experience, the Green Lake County Livestock Council will also provide leadership for the Livestock Auction held at the Green Lake County Fair including establishing and enforcing rules that relate directly to the Livestock Auction.

Article III – Membership

Membership in the Green Lake County Livestock Council is open to all:

- Green Lake County 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project
- FFA members participating in a chapter located in Green Lake County
- Parents of Green Lake County 4-H members or FFA members
- Green Lake County 4-H volunteers enrolled in a livestock project

Membership is open to any youth within grade parameter- regardless of that person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and pregnancy, marital or parental status. (Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policy)

Article IV – Mandatory Meeting

There shall be a Mandatory Meeting for all members on the Thursday prior to the Green Lake County Fair. Part of the agenda will include election of the Executive Board for the following programmatic year (October 1 – September 30).

For the purpose of the Mandatory Meeting a quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) members or more. The election of the Board of Directors and any action on issues shall require a simple majority of 50%+1 of the members present.

Article V - Board of Directors

The Green Lake County Livestock Council Board of Directors shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two youth representatives. All Directors must be a certified volunteer that has gone through the VIP (Volunteer in Preparation) training.

Article VI - Elections

The President shall be elected at the Mandatory Meeting to a two-year term. This election will take place in odd numbered years. The President may be re-elected with no term limits.

The Vice President shall be elected at the Mandatory Meeting to a two-year term. This election will take place in even numbered years. The Vice President may be re-elected with no term limits.

The Secretary shall be elected to a two year term. This election will take place at the Mandatory Meeting in odd numbered years. The Secretary may be re-elected with no term limits.

The Treasurer shall be elected to a two year term. This election will take place at the Mandatory Meeting in even numbered years. The Treasurer may be re-elected with no term limits.

The Youth Representatives (2) will be elected each year to serve a one year term. Youth members may be re-elected with no term limits.

Article VII – Removal of Board Members

A board member may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the secretary. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a successor for the unexpired remainder of the position's term. If the vacancy is the President, then the Vice President becomes President and fills the Vice President position.

Article VIII – Voting

The powers, property and affairs of the Green Lake County Livestock Council shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the right to discuss matters which come before the Board. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than 3 officers and voting by absentee ballot or proxy shall not be permitted. Action on issues shall require a simple majority of 50%+1. In the event of a tie, the President will make the decision.

The Board of Directors will bring all major business issues to the full Green Lake County Livestock Council when possible. If a vote is necessary, a quorum at these meetings shall consist of fifteen (15) members or more and any action on issues shall require a simple majority of 50%+1 of council members present.


Article IV - Dissolution Clause

In the event of dissolution of the council, all of its assets and income, current and accumulated, remaining after the payment of legal debts, obligations, and claims shall be disbursed to the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association.

Article VIII – Amendment

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new by-laws adopted by affirmative vote of a (super or 2/3) majority of the members at the annual meeting, provided that notice in writing of the proposed additions, changes or deletions be delivered or presented to each member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed additions, changes, or deletions to the by- laws will be considered.

Signatures:

_____ Youth Board Member	9-18-18 _____ Date
 _____ President	9-18-18 _____ Date
_____ UW-Extension Staff	9-18-18 _____ Date