

Mission Statement

Winnebago County Meat Animal Board represents the ultimate in dependability and volunteerism. They have a sense of community and take pride in their family and youth of Winnebago County. Our Board Members are here to support you and to create an atmosphere for creativity and friendship. In addition, we encourage open and honest communication, joint problem solving and mutual partnership with our youth and project leaders.

The objectives of the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board are:

1. To provide an educational experience that teaches youth about the care of quality livestock.
2. To create a fun environment where youth will gain a sense of responsibility and confidence while raising livestock.
3. To empower youth to experience the economic conditions of agriculture by working to earn a profit from the livestock they raise.

Bylaws of the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board:

Bylaw 1 Purposes

The purpose of this board shall be:

Sec. 1 To create opportunities for youth to grow and to do their best, both individually and collectively in their livestock projects.

Sec. 2 To provide incentive and to encourage greater participation in all aspects of their livestock projects.

Sec. 3 To teach a greater understanding of meat animal evaluation at the processing level.

Sec. 4 To establish rules and govern compliance of regulation for participation in the Winnebago County Meat Animal Project & Sale.

Bylaw 2 Membership

Sec. 1 Any Winnebago County resident who expresses interest in providing direction for youth in the Meat Animal Project is eligible to serve on the Meat Animal Board.

Sec. 2 All board members shall serve for all livestock species.

Sec. 3 The Meat Animal Board shall consist of 12 Board Members serving 3-year terms staggered.

Sec. 4. At each annual meeting board members will be elected for those term that have expired. Nominations will be made from the floor. Board members shall be elected by ballot only. Only those attending the annual meeting who are 18 years or older and a resident of Winnebago County are eligible to vote.

Sec. 5 The Winnebago County Agricultural Agent or his/her representative shall be a Board Member without voting rights at the meetings of the Meat Animal Board.

Sec. 6. Any 4-H or FFA member 16 years or older at the annual meeting maybe nominated to serve on the Jr. Board for a one-year term. If there are not enough nominations to fill board the minimum age will be decreased to allow to fill board. The Jr. Board shall consist of 5 members. Only 4-H and FFA members younger than 18 years of age and still exhibited at the County Fair are eligible to vote. The Jr. Board members will bring fourth ideas for future clinics and educational events. And assist the Meat Animal Board during the week of the fair.

Sec. 7 At a meeting prior to the annual meeting participation by Board Members will be reviewed by the Board of Officers. Upon an unsatisfactory review, Board Members may be asked to resign effective the next annual meeting.

Sec. 8 If any member of the Board cannot fulfill his/her term after being elected, the Meat Animal Board will have the authority to select an individual to fill the position until the next annual meeting. Any Board Member who wishes to resign must do so in writing.

Bylaw 3 Meetings

Sec. 1 The Annual Meeting shall be held at the October meeting following the Meat Animal Sale, at such time and such place in Winnebago County as the Board shall determine. The fiscal year shall run from November 1st thru October 31st.

Sec. 2 Any rules/regulations voted on at the annual meeting must be discussed at a prior meeting. Any changes to the Rules and Regulations will be adopted after a majority vote of the Board. Votes will be done by ballot.

Sec. 3 Special Meetings can be called as deemed necessary by the president or the majority of Board Members.

Sec. 4 A quorum at any Meat Animal Board meeting shall consist of at least 51% of the Board Members.

Sec. 5 Each Board Member is entitled to one and only one vote on each question. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Sec. 6 Meetings of the Meat Animal Board shall be conducted according to and governed by the Roberts Rules of Order (revised) except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Bylaw 4

Officers

Sec. 1 Board members, at a meeting immediately following the annual meeting, shall elect from their number a president, vice president, business secretary, correspondence secretary, treasurer and sale clerk. The Board of Officers shall be elected by ballot. Board members cannot elect 2 or more officers who reside at the same address.

- A. The principal duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the Meat Animal Board, coordinate meeting locations, sign all agreements, have a general supervision of the affairs of the Board and appoint board members to activities of the Board. They will vote only in the event of a tie.
- B. The principal duties of the vice-president shall be to preside at all meetings of the Meat Animal Board in the absence of the President, chair all committees, coordinate weigh ins, and be a signer on all Meat Animal Board accounts.
- C. The principal duties of the business secretary shall be to keep a record of all Meat Animal Board meetings and maintain all records and documents belonging to the Meat Animal Board.
- D. The principal duties of the correspondence secretary shall be to actively update and distribute all public correspondence which includes but is not limited to email, Facebook and News & Views.
- E. The principal duties of the sale clerk shall be to coordinate the Meat Animal Sale, maintain all records and documents pertaining to the sale, assemble and distribute the sale book, coordinate the release of all sale animals and work with the treasurer to issue and distribute sale checks. This position must be held for a minimum of two consecutive years.
- F. The principal duties of the treasurer shall be to keep an up to date record of all monetary accounts belonging to the Meat Animal Board, pay all invoices for expenses incurred by the board, work with the sale clerk to issue Meat Animal Sale checks, purchase any supplies necessary to complete Meat Animal Board work and be a signer on all Meat Animal Board accounts. This position must be held for a minimum of two consecutive years.

Sec. 2 The remaining six board members will be assigned to a livestock species, 2 members per species, to act as the liaison between the Meat Animal Board and the Fair Board Superintendent(s) of their assigned species.

Sec. 3 Board will appoint an additional member to be on the Meat Animal Board accounts and sign checks issued by the board.

Bylaw 5

Audits

At the close of the fiscal year or at such times as the Meat Animal Board shall determine, books and accounts of the Meat Animal Board shall be carefully examined by a non-board member named by the Meat Animal Board.

Bylaw 6

Amendment of Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the bylaws have to be read at 3 consecutive meetings in which the intent to review the bylaws has been announced. Any bylaw may be adopted, amended or repealed by a majority vote at the 3rd meeting.

Bylaw 7

Committees

Committees that are needed to carry on Meat Animal Board work shall be appointed by the Meat Animal Board or the president of the Board.

Bylaw 8

Public Notices

News & Views is the official publication of the Meat Animal Board for all correspondence and announcements. Additional correspondence and announcements may be made through social media, ex. Facebook.