

Rusk County Livestock Committee Bylaws Revised 10/15/25

Mission Statement:

The mission of this committee is to work with youth enrolled in a Rusk County youth organization and to provide a positive educational experience in their livestock projects.

Bylaws of the Committee:

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rusk County Livestock Committee.

Article II: Purpose:

The purpose of the committee is to provide the following for Rusk County youth:

- a. Educational programs for those youth involved with the market animal sale.
- b. Incentive and support for youth to participate in the market animal projects.
- c. A market for youth's animals that rewards those youth whose animals best exemplifies current market trends.
- d. Rules and regulations for the project.
- e. Organization, coordination, and promotion of the livestock project.

Article III: Membership

- a. The membership of the Rusk County Livestock Committee will consist of any adult and youth actively involved in the livestock project.
- b. An Executive Board will be elected by the Rusk County Livestock Committee members. The Executive Board will consist of up to 9 Executive Committee Directors and up to 4 Youth Directors.
- c. The Executive Board members and Rusk County Livestock Project Committee members must be enrolled in the 4H program and complete the volunteer training no later than November 1st each year.

Article IV: Finances

- a. This organization shall manage its own monies.

- b. The source of income shall be the percentage of commission collected from the annual livestock auction and/or any livestock fundraising.
- c. All monies shall be used to promote youth livestock production, educational programs, and related projects and activities.
- d. An annual financial report shall be prepared and given to the U.W. Extension office.

Article V: Officers

- a. The officers shall consist of members from the Executive Board:

Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
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- b. The Directors and Youth Directors of the Executive Board will be elected annually. The Officers of the Executive Board will be elected Bi-annually.
- c. The Executive Board shall see that all operations of the group are maintained and operated smoothly.
- d. The Executive Board shall make decisions in the best interest of the committee as a whole.
- e. Any Youth Executive Board member shall be 8th grade or older and have at least 1 year of experience in the project.
- f. The Executive Board members need to maintain good standing and attend meetings regularly and miss no more than 3 meetings unless an excused absence.

Article VI: Meetings

- a. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held for organizational purposes.
- b. Educational sessions will be discussed and approved at the committee meetings.
- c. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Chair.
- d. Meetings of the committee shall be conducted and governed by the Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws.
- e. All votes must be cast in person at Rusk County Livestock Committee meetings. The Executive Board Chair can request a mobile vote by the Executive Board for any time sensitive issues.

Article VII: Amendments

Any member may propose an amendment to the bylaws at a general meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Board at the following meeting shall be required to pass the amendment.

Article VII: Committees

The Executive Board Chair shall appoint committees that are needed to carry on the work of the organization.

Article IX: Rules and Review Committee

- a. The Rules and Review Committee shall be a minimum of 5 voting members, 1 must be an officer and a youth member if one is available.
- b. All of the above have to qualify to vote under Article III, Section B.
- c. The Rules and Review Committee will act on interpretation, clarification, and/or violation of the rules set forth by the livestock project.
- d. All decisions made by the Rules and Review Committee are binding.

Article X: Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the Rusk County Livestock Committee, any assets remaining shall be conveyed to the Rusk County 4-H Leaders Council with all funds to be used in youth livestock projects.