



Board Meeting
August 15 at 5:00 pm
Missouri State Fairgrounds-Sheep Pavillion upper office
Sedalia, MO

In attendance: Cord Jenkins, Becca Roberts, Deb Minish, Travis Ellis, Taylor Kemp, Dan Rhoades, Larry Henneke, Lane Falch, Britton Francis and Kevin Minish.
Not attending: Matthew Anderson, Andy Graves, Elizabeth Keifer, Mac Finley

Cord Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

I. Secretary Report - May 27, 2025

[Minutes were sent to all board members](#)

Christy Green provided the minutes to all the members prior to the meeting. **Larry Henneke made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Becca Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

II. [Treasurer Report](#) - Deb

Deb Minish provided the treasurers report to all the members prior to the meeting. Deb gave the balance of \$39, 893.23 and stated that would be changing due to events at the State Fair like Lead line where cash is handed out and the BBQ contest winners. **Dan Rhoades made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Becca Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

III. Old Business-

A. Chris Durrill Funding Requests- Updated information

1. I have selected a set of steel frames of A Frame Sidewalk signs as my base.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08NYSP48N?smid=A2X7DCXSFVD01M&ref_=chk_typ_imgToDp&th=1). These are designed so that you can slide new posters and other information into them as needed, and gives me four 24"x26" inch spaces to fill.

My intention is to mainly focus on wool breeds of sheep, and what wool is used for in the present as well as in the past. I will be pulling information from official brochures that the MSP has provided me with to hand out to the general-public as well as from information that Lois Wissmann has gathered and displayed over the years. I

will have four surfaces to cover with information, which will be organized as follows:

- Panel 1: A quick general-public friendly display of wool breeds, what exactly is a wool breed, and pictures as well as a listing of wool breed sheep.
- Panel 2: The uses of wool, which will include what wool is good for, its environmental impact, etc. It will have pictures of fleeces and finished products.
- Panel 3: Wool in history. A brief discussion of the importance of wool in history both local and global.
- Panel 4: A quick description of historic wool processing, which will include carding, combing, washing, and dyeing.

Before I finish these proposed informational posters, I will be presenting all text as well as final designs to the MSP board for editing and approval. My intention is to interest as well as educate the general-public about wool while clearing up several myths in re. wool and sheep such as environmental impact and animal cruelty. I will also be soliciting photos of MSP sheep owners with their flocks as well as Missouri raised sheep to make these panels both attractive as well as informative.



Pionites Heavy Duty Slide-in Folding A Frame Sign Sidewalk Sign 24x 36 Inch Steel Metal Double-Side Pavement sign Corrugated Plastic Poster (1, Black, 24"X36" (Plastic Backing include))

Brand: Pionites

4.4 ★★★★★ (67)

Amazon's Choice

100+ bought in past month

\$65⁹⁸

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Color: Black

Christy gave an update on the given information on the Chris Durrill funding requests.

Larry Henneke made a motion to give Chris Durrill \$400 to create the display boards as

described and that the boards and stands would be property of Missouri Sheep Producers. Lane Falch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Annual BBQ Contest update- Larry

Larry Henneke gave an update that there would be five teams competing on Sunday, Aug. 16 in the BBQ. There was no early registration this year which might be reconsidered for next year. Christy Green was able to obtain some free items from ASI to give to the winners as well. The judges will be Leon Busdieker and elected officials. Larry requested help from the board at 9 am on Sunday morning to help get everything set up. Kevin Minish mentioned he had talked with Mike Deering about next year every meat group having a BBQ contest to help promote the different commodity groups.

C. Midwest Stud Ram BBQ update- Cord or Christy

Cord Jenkins gave an update on the BBQ where approximately 300 people were served. Dan Rhoades and son, Kevin Minish, Lynn Farhmeier and Dean Houghton came to help with the setup and preparation. It felt like a better location this year on the south side of the swine barn. Feedback from the participants was wonderful. They said how good it was and thanked us multiple times.

D. Field Day Update - Cord or Christy

Cord gave a quick update about the field day. There were about 20 people there. Jeff showed what forages he is using in his paddocks to supplement with feed and his setup around the farm. Everyone was able to share in a BBQ lunch with lamb burgers prepared by Jeff's brother and sides provided by his mother.

E. MOEFCs conference workshop - Christy

Christy Green gave an update about the MOEFC conference workshop that she and Dana Jenkins presented about Cooking with lamb on July 22 in Springfield, MO. There were approximately 10 attendees. There were lots of great questions about how and where to get lamb to use in their FACS classrooms. The teachers enjoyed the samples that we provided as well.

F. Annual Conference-November 21, 2026-Carver Farm in Jefferson City, MO from 9am - 2:30pm

1. Ideas for speakers

a) Hands-On presentation:

b)

c)

Discussion was held and it was decided to try and focus on marketing for this year's annual meeting. Christy was given the names of several people contact about presenting like Charlie Potts, USDA markets, Lynn Fahrmeier for the ASI board, Ed Crowley for ASI wool, Willoughby Auction Service for how to market your animals, Norwood Barn and Britton Francis for promotion. It was also discussed to have a hands on demonstration on how to handle lambing ewe with a replica from ASI.

2. Youth Conference-Need someone that is willing to run this and plan

Christy Green let the board know that Klarissa will not be doing the youth portion of the conference this year. She opened it up for any volunteers. Seeing none, Christy Green, Dana Jenkins and Cord Jenkins Youth in Ag students will work to put together a program for the youth that come with their parents to the conference. I

3. Raffle

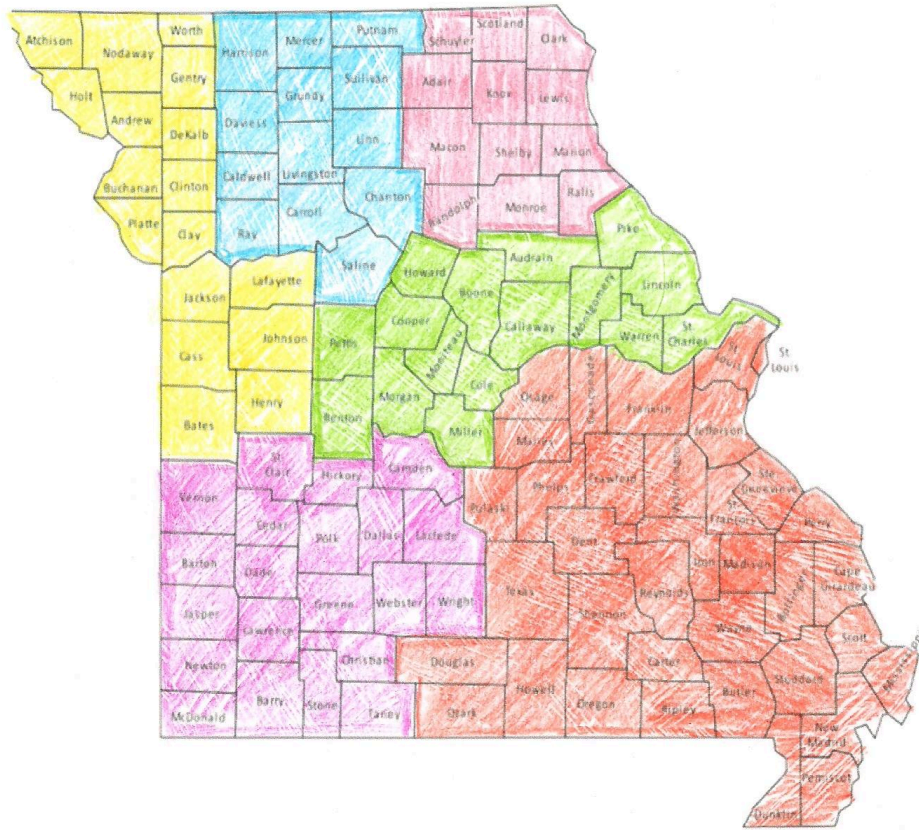
Cord Jenkins told the board about a sheep producer in MO that is down-sizing and wants to get rid of a skirting table. It was suggested by a nonboard member to do a raffle for the table and use the money for other programs. The board didn't want to do it.

4. Vendors

Christy Green listed off several vendors that we have had in years past that will be contacted to return this year. It was suggested to contact Markus Hoover with Finishing Barns at Norwood as well.

5. Starter Flock- Farrah Renshaw and Roger Haeffner

6. Nomination Committee-



Constitution By-Laws regarding Officers and Directors

ARTICLE III, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Eligibility. With the exception of President and Vice President any active or honorary member shall be eligible to serve as an officer of a member of the Board of directors. The President and Vice President are required to have previous board experience.

Section 2. Board Membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, six District Directors (one from each District) representing six geographic areas, four At-Large Directors and two MSMC Directors.

Section 3. Officers. A President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected by the active members present at large at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. One Year is defined as the time period between Annual Meetings. The President and Vice-President are required to have previous Board Service and may not serve in any one office more than two consecutive terms. The Treasurer may serve an unlimited number of terms if approved by the Board of Directors. Thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors will approve or deny the treasurer to run for another two year term. The Treasurer's duties will include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Maintain a MSP account at a reputable financial institution.
- Reconcile bank statements and provide copies to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.
- Deposit funds in a timely manner.
- Pay MSP expenditures in a timely manner.
- Communicate closely with the executive director/secretary concerning finances.
- Work closely with the Board of Directors in preparing the annual budget.

Section 4. District Directors. The District Directors must reside in the District from which they are elected and shall be elected by the active members present, at large, at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. They shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The six Geographical Districts to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. At-Large Directors. There shall be elected at the Annual Meeting a total of four At-Large Directors by the active members at large at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. They shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Section 6. Staggered Terms. The District Director from each District and the At-Large Directors shall serve staggered two-year terms, one-half of these Directors being elected by the active members present at each Annual Meeting on an at large basis. Even numbered District Directors will be elected on even years and odd numbered District Directors will be elected on odd years. All of these Directors are limited to **three consecutive terms in the same position.**

- Section 7. MSMC Directors. The Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council shall appoint annually two members of the Council to serve as MSP Directors for one year terms. There are no term limitations on these two Directors.
- Section 8. Nominations and Elections. Not less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the MSP President shall appoint five active members from the Board and/or General Membership to a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate at least one person, and preferably two or more, for each position to be elected at the subsequent Annual Meeting. This committee will cause their Slate of Nominees to be circulated (mailed) to the General Membership preferably 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be achieved by a letter signed by any five active members submitted to this committee 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting nominating any qualified member to any position. In addition, at the Annual meeting, the individual conducting the elections shall declare the floor open for additional nominations just prior to the election for each Officer and /or Director Position.
- Section 9. Vacancies. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the Vice-President will become President. The office of Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next Annual Meeting. Any vacancies occurring in the office of Treasurer or District Directors and At-large Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board. Such appointed members shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. Such Appointment or election shall only be for the balance of the unexpired term. MSMC shall fill any vacated MSMC Director positions.
- Section 10. Attendance. Any MSP Board Member missing three consecutive meetings will be automatically forfeit their Office or directorship and a vacancy shall be created. The two Board Meetings immediately prior to and following the Annual Meeting shall count as only one "miss".
- Section 11. Elections. The annual election of Officers and Directors shall be on the basis of at large voting for all positions (MSMC Directors excepted) by all active members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 12. ASI Representative. The MSP Director or Delegate to the American Sheep Industry Association or any subsequent National Sheep Organization to which MSP holds membership shall automatically be the MSP President, or their designee in the event the President chooses not to assume this role.

Offices Up For Election

District 2(Matthew)-

District 4(Dan)-

District 6(Elizabeth)-

At-Large (Britton)-

At-Large (Larry)-

A nomination committee of Harold Eckler, chairperson, Travis Ellis and Cord Jenkins was suggested. Lane Falch made a motion to have a nomination committee of Harold Eckler as chairperson with Travis Ellis and Cord Jenkins to seek nominations for the District 2, 4 and 6 and 2 At-Large positions that are currently held by Britton Francis and Larry Henneke. Larry Henneke second the motion. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

A. Information about new collaboration email from Cord

Cord Jenkins gave information to the board about a website that has been suggested by Lois Wissman that would be a collaboration between MU, LU and MSP. The board will not take any action on this suggestion.

B. ASI Nominations-don't have but if they come through I will send a mass email

C. Make it With Wool-Jeanne Shuck

1. October 3 in Perry, MO at VFW hall
2. Possible talk/fashion show/ display at annual meeting
3. Register by Sept. 15 at National Make it With Wool site

D. Scholarship presentation-Saturday, August 15 during the fitting contest

TJ Belt, Gentry Duncan, Adam Rhoades, Bethany Rhoades

Christy Green asked all board members to stay around and be present for the scholarship presentation after the meeting and take a picture.

E. BBQ Lamb Contest - Sunday, August 16 at 10 am

F. Lead Line Contest-Sunday, August 16 at 1pm

G. Demonstrations taking place at State Fair (Thursday at noon, Friday at noon, Saturday at noon and Tuesday at noon) (Wool on Monday, Aug 15 by Lois)

H. Funding request need to be due on December 1, 2026

Larry Henneke brought up adding breed characteristics somewhere on the website or in publications but it was decided that as producers of different breeds we will encourage exhibitors to follow breed specific characteristics and to look to their breed associations for that information.

Lane Falch brought up that All-American Youth Sheep Show will be in Springfield, MO on July 1-4, 2027 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. They are going to need volunteers. It was suggested that maybe MSP pay for one night of dinner like pizza. Nothing was decided and it will be discussed at later meetings.

Larry Henneke discussed how the RSG AI day went over. There is talk of a fall date for AI as well.

V. Upcoming Events

A. Lincoln University small ruminant field day-September 4

B. Farm Fest - October 2, 3 and 4 in Springfield, MO

- C. Make It With Wool contest-October 3, Perry, MO-VFW hall
- D. Annual Meeting-November 21, 2026
- E. ASI National convention-Charleston, SC-January 13-16, 2026
- F. Next Meeting-Annual Meeting, November 21, 2026

Britton Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Becca Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.