

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Brad Cosenza.

Roll Call revealed that Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., and Hill were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corcoran.

Guests – Ken Wheeler, Rob Ferguson, Dan Riddle, BJ Hopkins, Tessie Lucas, Kim Litter, and Chris Hooks.

The President of The Ohio Generals Baseball and Softball Club Inc. of Chillicothe, Ken Wheeler, proposed to the Board to rent the MPB one night per week to hold bingo as a fundraiser for the ball club. They would like to pay monthly. The Contract Committee will discuss and have a contract drawn up. Mr. Wheeler gave the background of how the Generals came to be and where they have traveled across the country.

Andy Wettersten and Ben Harris of First Capital Technologies proposed to the Board on being RCAS IT support on a yearly retainer for the sum of \$18,500 per year. This covers all projects and any work done on site. The Board will discuss.

The Ross County Soil and Water sent a thank you to the Board for providing the area for their annual pick up.

Riddle reported that all Jr Fair exhibitors' livestock have been tagged in. Skill-a-thon will be July 13 & 24, 2021. The numbers for livestock for 2021 are as follows. Swine – 149, Goats – 139, Steers – 38, Sheep – 39, Rabbits – 380, Chickens – 94. There are 31 exhibitors taking two different species. Fair for All will be on Sunday starting at 12 pm in the main Show Arena, this is for special needs kids to have a chance to learn how to show an animal. 4-H camp went well.

Hooks reported that the buyer packets are being mailed next week.

7-1-21: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to approve the June 7, 2021, and June 22, 2021, Minutes. Motion carried.

7-2-21: Corcoran moved, Whitten seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

7-3-21: Corcoran moved, Chrisman seconded to pay June 8-30, 2021, bills totaling \$72,987.00 and July 1-6, 2021, bills totaling \$49,626.69. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on what the legal amount to charge on credit card transactions, further information is being gathered.

Golf cart permits have been ordered for the fair.

Ro Hurtt express her wish to finish Phil Hurtt's term as a director.

The Deerfield Township vacancy legally must be advertised on the "Notice of Election" as an unfinished term.

7-4-21: Clever moved, Bethel seconded not to appoint anyone to the Deerfield Township vacancy and have it listed on the August 12, 2021, Notice of Election as vacant unexpired term. Motion carried.

Prater will replace Hurtt as Swine Department Head.

7-5-21: Clary moved, Free seconded to send the Fair Date Request form for the dates of August 6, 2022, through August 13, 2022. Motion carried.

7-6-21: Clary moved, Prater seconded to purchase a 2009 bucket truck for \$34,000.00 on the half with the Ross County Engineer, RCAS portion will be \$17,000.00, on the condition that both bucket trucks are on the fairgrounds during the 2021 fair. Motion carried.

Wheeler would like to mulch around the trees. The water leak found over the weekend had to wait until parts could be purchased on Monday.

7-7-21: Prater moved, Bethel seconded to have plumbing supplies on hand to be able to make repairs, \$1,000.00 approved for supplies. Motion carried.

All overhead lines below 14 feet should be marked.

7-8-21: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to order 20,000 feet of parking streamers at the cost of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

7-9-21: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to purchase week killer. Motion carried.

Ro Hurtt thanked the Board for all the support that she has received. There are 117 camping sites open to be rented, there are no 50-amp sites open. All people on the waiting list have been contacted. Ro would like help at the gate to collect extra camping fees.

Whitten suggested to use the field behind the storage barns for overflow parking during the fair. The Parking Committee will be meeting Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6pm.

7-10-21: Whitten moved, McCorkle seconded to rent a boom lift two weeks before the fair. Motion carried.

7-11-21: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to rent 8 light plants for use during the fair. Motion carried.

7-12-21: Bethel moved, Whitten seconded to purchase a tank and pump for the diesel storage tank. Motion carried.

Free is ordering stickers with Adena's logo to put on the hand sanitizers that Adena Health Systems donated.

Greenlawn would like to donate the use of a camper to be used as a baby nursing/changing station during the fair.

Nelson is still renting booths in the Commercial Building.

7-13-21: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to have the concert at the Grandstand on Thursday night of the fair a free event. Motion carried.

Gray reported that the fair books should be delivered any day. The online version is now on the website. The Gazette had a nice article in the paper but listed Monday as Veterans Day. This needs to be corrected.

Elliott reported that the repairs at the Grange Building are almost completed.

Clary reported that there are electrical repairs that need to be completed at the Jr Fair Horse Arena. Mic cords need to be purchased.

7-14-21: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY