

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, October 2, 2023, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Clary, Corcoran, Haubeil, and Haubeil Jr. were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Kacey Shaffer, David Bethel, Chris Hooks, Tom McWhorter, and Katie Wells.

Dave Bethel requested that the Antique Tractor area during the fair be moved to a larger area due to being crowded and to make it safer. Mr. Bethel was asked to submit a written request and it will be revisited at the November meeting.

Wells – They will be Waffles with Wells to go over policy and programs monthly you can join on line, asked if SFB would like to have a subject discussed. The Superintendent meeting went well, one Superintendent has been terminated. Have received positive feedback from 4-H survey. Wells has been working with Shaffer on how enrollment will take place. VanHoose and Cosenza would like to be included in conservations on enrollment using Show Works program. Shaffer has concerns on species and ear tag numbers making sure they are correct. They will be meeting with Allen County. More to come. Jr Fair Board will be going to Fairfield County fair next Tuesday and they will be having their overnight at Canters Cave.

Shaffer – There were 88 that attended the Buyers Appreciation Dinner. The Thank-you cards have been sent out. The exhibitor checks have been mailed. There are 2 invoices that have not been paid as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The checks that had the buyers that have not paid were sent with a letter that explained that when the remainder of the money is paid an additional check will be sent for the balance of the exhibitor's money. The results of the sale: in the ring Hogs - \$184,777.00, Sheep - \$59,110.00, Goats - \$163,797, Dairy - \$2,002.00, Beef - \$153,890.00, Turkey - \$11,774, Chicken - \$49,219.00, Rabbits - \$220823.00, Add-ons - \$362,000.00, totaling \$1207487, which is a \$50,000.00 increase from 2022.

10-1-23: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the September 12, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

10-2-23: Clever moved, Hill seconded to accept the July Treasure Report. Motion carried.

10-3-23: Pickerrell moved, Free seconded to approve payment July 12-31, 2023 monthly bills totaling \$139,794.84. Motion carried.

10-4-23: Kemper moved, VanHoose seconded to accept the August Treasure Report. Motion carried.

10-5-23: McCorkle moved, Bethel seconded to approve payment of August 1-31, 2023, monthly bills totaling \$953,980.50. Motion carried.

10-6-23: Gearhart moved, Prater seconded to accept the September Treasure Report. Motion carried.

10-7-23: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to approve payment of September monthly bills totaling \$564,254.03. Motion carried.

Jeep Fest financial results - expenses \$31,838.90, revenue \$36,186.92, profit of \$4,348.02. RoCo was a financial loss of \$503,685.00.

10-8-23: Elliott moved, Bethel seconded to hire Detillion Fence to replace the fence on the west side of Area #1 parking lot for \$4,609.00. Motion carried.

10-9-23: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded to approve the purchase of prybars, \$282.27, chisel set \$139.15, and punch set \$46.49. Motion carried.

10-10-23: Elliott moved, Bethel seconded to permit the use of the Swine Barn for a County Born & Raised show on June 24, 2024, at no charge. Motion carried.

10-11-23: Gray moved, Clever seconded to approve the payment for the Apple Pie winner \$50.00 and the Fair Slogan winner \$25.00. Motion carried.

10-12-23: Gray moved, McCorkle seconded to approve to pay for the Jr Fairboard lunches, \$15.00 each, at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on whether to give Union Township EMS a bonus for working the fair, and also on the RoCo loss of revenue.

10-13-23: Free moved, VanHoose seconded to nominate Frank Hirsch for ODA Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

10-14-23: VanHoose moved, Free seconded to donate the remainder of the processed beef from steer purchased at the fair to the local food bank. Motion carried.

10-15-23: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded to approve to lease two new mowers from Southern Ohio Equipment at the price of \$502.55 each per month. Motion carried.

10-16-23: Clifton moved, Bethel seconded to approve the date change of the RCAS Christmas Party to December 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm, and to hire Tuffy Oyer to cater the food at \$15.00 per person. Motion carried.

Nelson brought cupcakes to celebrate Pickerrell's last meeting as a director.

10-17-23: VanHoose moved, Free seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:24pm to discuss a personal issue. Motion carried.

10-18-23: Gray moved, Clifton seconded to come out of Executive Session at 7:39pm. Motion carried.

10-19-23: Gray moved, McCorkle seconded to go back into Regular Session at 7:40pm. Motion carried.

10-20-23: Clever moved, Free seconded to have Senior Fair Board remove Chris Hooks from the Jr. Fair Livestock Sales Committee. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY

