

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held on November 6, 2023, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Clary, Gearhart, and Nelson were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Robert DeLong, Eli DeLong, Chris Miner, Melinda Stephens, Lisa Hill, Zach Beebe, David Straob, Jackie Detillion, David Bethel, Tom McWhorter, Chris Hooks, Dustin Cottrill, Katie Wells, and Ryan Kline.

Notary, Andy Hill, swore in new Director John Wetzel for Scioto Township for a three-year term.

11-1-23: Bethel moved, McCorkle seconded to nominate Bradford Cosenza for President. McCorkle move, Free seconded to close the nomination for president. Bradford Cosenza was elected President by acclamation. Haubeil moved, Kemper seconded to nominate Steven Clever for Vice President. Bethel moved, McCorkle seconded to close the nomination for Vice President. Steven Clever was elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

David Bethel spoke to the Board on the need to move the location of the Antique Tractor display during the fair.

11-2-23: Bethel moved, McCorkle seconded to move the Antique Tractor Display to the fenced in area on the north side of the Jr Fair Horse Barn. Motion carried.

President of the Ross County Beef Club request to bring back the spring and fall steer shows.

11-3-23: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to permit The Ross County Cattleman's Classic to hold a steer show on the first Saturday of April and the second Saturday of October in the Beef Barn free of charge, with them taking care of the clean-up. Motion carried.

11-4-23: Hill moved, Prater seconded to pay exhibitor Eli DeLong \$1,500.00 for their fair steer that the buyer has not paid the invoice from the sale. Motion carried.

Several other payment issues will be handled by Cosenza contacting the auctioneer. Chris Miner asked if the same auctioneer would be back in 2024.

David Straob and Zach Beebe spoke to the Board concerning the RoCo Concert. They attended and feel that this could be built into a large event. They have Straob Production Company that handles events of this type and would like to be involved if the Board plans to proceed with this event.

Three members of the Jr. Fair Board reported that they will be going to Canters Cave, they are working on the presentations for OFMA Convention and voting in the officers for the 2024 fair year.

Jackie Detillion reported on the 4-H Campout and presented a check to the Board for \$3,207.00 for camping and secured the dates of September 27-29, 2024 for the campout next year.

Wells had the following proposed changes on rules and procedures for 2024:

Would like to have cameras in the Sheep, Goat, and Beef Barns.

11-5-23: Clever moved, Chain seconded that no golf carts be permitted to park in between the large animal show barns until after livestock move-ins are over. Motion carried.

11-6-23: Chain moved, McCorkle seconded that Jr. Fair Market Heifer registration must include 5 animals at minimum to form a separate class during the market show. If there are less than 5 animals, the heifers will be included in the overall Jr. Fair Market Show classes with the steers. Motion carried.

11-7-23: Elliott moved, VanHoose seconded to separate Dairy Market Goat Show held on Sunday after the Dairy Breeding Show. Motion carried.

11-8-23: Boggs moved, Bethel seconded to change "pair" entries to single entries for Fancy Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, and Guineas. Motion carried.

11-9-23: Elliott moved, Hill seconded for Sheep to, eliminate performance class, add rate of gain award, and mandatory spring weigh-in of all market lambs. Motion carried.

11-10-23: Clever moved, Clifton seconded for Swine, have a new separate show for CBBR that will immediately follow swine show, on Tuesday at 2:30 pm. Motion carried.

11-11-23: Corcoran moved, Clifton seconded to approve the Jr. Fair Show schedule 2024 as submitted. Motion carried.

11-12-23: Bethel moved, Corcoran seconded to permit the program Ross County Farm to Fork for 2024. Motion carried.

11-13-23: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to approve the October 2, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

The lawyer has prepared a document for tax purposes for those buyers that participated in the Jr. Livestock Sale that request one.

11-14-23: Hill moved, Boggs seconded to accept the October Treasurer Report. Motion carried, 2 Opposed.

11-15-23: Hill moved, Kemper seconded to pay October monthly bills totaling \$49,115.41. Motion carried.

Gray would like to have someone help Guthrie to better understand Quick Books.

11-16-23: Haubeil Jr. moved, VanHoose seconded to increase the auction item to donate at the OFMA Convention to \$200.00. Motion carried.

11-17-23: Hill moved, VanHoose seconded to approve Directors to attend the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-18-23: VanHoose moved, Haubeil seconded to cancel Jaluv Hoop's contract as Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

Wheeler has repaired the tunnel ticket booth and the pavement area at the Swine Barn.

A discussion on how to pass the cost of having the 6 pumpstations pumped out took place.

Wetzel will set up final inspection for the dump stations.

11-19-23: Clever moved, Chain seconded to purchase a head squeeze chute for the beef barn for approximately \$2,300.00. Motion carried.

11-20-23: Haubeil Jr. moved, Chain seconded to pay Concord Church \$150.00 for the use of their putt-putt golf course. Motion carried.

11-21-23: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to renew the Treasurer and Secretary contracts for 2024 at the rate of \$2,040.00. Motion carried.

11-22-23: Gray moved, VanHoose seconded to order and pay for the Buyer Placards. Motion carried.

11-23-23: Boggs moved, Elliott seconded to reserve 3 tables for Friday Showcase and 1 table for Saturday Extravaganza at the OFMA Convention at \$200.00 per table. Motion carried.

11-24-23: Haubeil moved, VanHoose seconded to pay for the Queen's application fee, room, and Queen Luncheon meal tickets. Motion carried.

11-25-23: Prater moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to approve the Directors expenses for OFMA Convention as, 3 day stay \$250.00, 2 day stay \$170.00, 1 day stay \$85.00. Motion carried.

11-26-23: Gray moved, Kemper seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY