The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, April 2, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call revealed Boggs, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., Ludwick were absent. All others were present.

Guests-Karlton Wheeler, Raelynn Dougherty, Emily Jones, Justin Hall, Amy Smythe, Angie Lochbaum, Katie Feldhues, and Chris Hooks.

4-1-18: Gray moved, Nelson seconded to allow Christian Motorcycle Association to conduct prayer walks over the grounds. Motion carried.

4-2-18: Corcoran moved, Prater seconded to approve March minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

4-3-18: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to approve March Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

4-4-18: Cosenza moved, Hurtt seconded to accept Internal Revenue Service 990 report for fiscal year December 1, 2016 thru November 30, 2017. Motion carried.

4-5-18: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

4-H Report / Jr. Fair Report

They received a letter from the State Veterinarian, Dr. Tony Forshey. They are getting ready for tag-ins and have a new form to use.

4-H Committee reported enrollment numbers are above 1703. The project books are ready to be picked up.

Katie Feldjues reported she will be emailing the board project enrollments numbers. The online enrollment was successful. Katie has submitted for a grant to further educational opportunities for high school students.

President Report

Adam Days wants to discuss his October 2019 event.

4-6-18: Hurtt moved, McCorkle seconded to approve CCI using the JVS building for training purposes on March 15, 2018. Motion carried.

4-7-18: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to redo the contract for Southern Ohio Forest Rally to include building rentals, and what he will be using and to pay for any damages that occur during the event. Motion carried.

4-8-18: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to extend Chilli Town MX Contract for one year. Motion carried.

Bryan Bethel will call a meeting for the oversite committee to discuss contracts.

Secretary Report

The Boy Scout event in May was discussed with their requests and deliveries. Prater is allowing them to use his ice chest during the event.

The tent order was reviewed.

4-9-18: Uhrig moved, Hill seconded to hire Rodney Detty for \$11,438.00 to redo both horse tracks. We will apply for building fund money for part of the cost. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Camping – Hurtt thanked those folks who helped with getting the camping contracts ready to be mailed. Contracts are starting to come in.

Fair Book – Next catalog meeting is April 3, 2018. We need all pages with corrections by April 15, 2018.

Fair Slogan – Five 4-H clubs submitted slogans. The winning slogan was submitted by Zane Trails 4-H club. "When you visit the barns and walk the grounds, you'll discover the Ross County Fair is the best around."

Grounds – The new fence around the beef barn will be installed after the April 7, 2018 Cattle Show.

4-10-18: Hurtt moved, Gearhart seconded to accept Fred McNeal'ss, Buckskin Township, resignation effective March 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Entertainment – Clary is looking for Wednesday night entertainment. He will email the board with suggestions.

Utilities – McCorkle reported the bucket truck is in Circleville being recertified. The estimated cost is \$6000.00 in repairs. The county engineer will split the cost with us.

A lightning strike on A phase on the front side was severely damaged. SOS electric helped McCorkle get the phase back on.

- 4-11-18: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to pay half the cost for the bucket truck repairs. Motion carried.
- 4-12-18: Clever moved, Prater seconded to spend \$5000.00 for supplies to build electric trees for the fairgrounds. Motion carried.
- 4-13-18: Cosenza moved, Whitten seconded to hire Navy Petty Officers Club for a total of \$18,600.00 for the 2018 fair to; sell admission tickets, take tickets, distribute weekly schedules, \$9,000.00; to maintain computers and printers, \$1,500.00; to furnish workers at the camping exit gate, \$945.00; to sell pit passes and admission tickets at the grandstand \$955.00; to park vehicles \$3,200.00; to furnish grandstand workers at the entrance, \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

The vote for bandstand sound was tabled until the May meeting.

4-14-18: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to hire Jerry Coulter to drive the water truck for \$500.00. Motion carried.

4-15-18: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Motion carried.	
WITNESSED BY:	RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:
BRYAN BETHEL PRESIDENT RCAS	MARY LUDWICK SECRETARY RCAS