

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted April 4, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed Boggs, Clary, Gray, Hill, McCorkle, and Prater were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karlton Wheeler.

Guests – William Hopkins, Mandi Burkitt, Katie Wells, Lisa Bair, Chris Hooks, and Julie Oats.

4-1-22: Bethel moved, Whitten seconded to permit The Ross County Farm Bureau to host an Ag Career Day for students September 13-15, 2022, using the Multipurpose Building, JVC Building, and Home Arts Building at no charge. Motion carried.

Julie Oats representing the Ross County Horse Committee spoke on the advantages of having a subcommittee of RCAS for the purpose of building the new Jr Fair Horse Arena. The process of receiving donations, filing for grants would be easier. All aspects of the project will be discussed with the fair board.

Prater arrived at 6:18 pm.

William Hopkins representing Navy Petty Officers Club explained why their quote for the ticket takers position during the fair had increased due to insurance and minimum wage increases. He asked that the extra golf cart and two campsites request be removed from their quote.

4-2-22: Clever moved, Corcoran seconded to accept Navy Petty Officers quote of \$20,460.00 for the ticket taker service at the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Mandy Burkitt owner of Whitt's Custard spoke to the Board about being able to have a vendor spot during the fair. They have an advertisement sign and most of their staff show at the fair. Chrisman already has 5 ice cream vendors at the fair

and will give them a spot as soon as a spot opens. Possibly they might be able to set up in the infield during Grandstand events.

Katie Wells reported that all 4-H dues have been paid and all, but a few clubs have picked up their project books.

Ellie Ratliff, a Jr Fair Board member introduced herself and is the Chairperson of the Stock the Trailer, Feed the Hungry event during the fair.

Chris Hooks reported the Steer Spring Classic had a good turn out with 98 steers, 16 from Ross County.

Nelson thanked Wells for sending 2 Jr. Fair Board members to help with preparing the camping packets for mailing.

4-3-22: Pickerrell moved, Haubeil seconded to accept the March 7, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

4-4-22: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

4-5-22: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to pay March 8-31, 2022, bills totaling \$18,394.16. Motion carried.

4-6-22: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to pay April 1-4, 2022, bills totaling \$28,025.74. Motion carried.

Nan Clary contacted the accountant in January and asked if they could prepare the 990-tax form for RCAS they said yes. They are now saying they cannot complete the form until after tax season. They will file an extension on behalf of the RCAS.

A discussion took place on how much credit card fee should be charged to customers.

4-7-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Nelson seconded to not charge the customer any extra fee to pay for items with a credit card. Motion carried.

4-8-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Haubeil seconded to have all RCAS meetings to start at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

4-9-22: Free moved, Prater seconded to move the RCAS meetings back into the fair office. Motion carried.

Clifton reported that the Swine superintendents would like to have permission to raise \$6,995.00 to purchase a set of scales.

4-10-22: Bethel moved, Prater seconded for RCAS to purchase the scales for the Swine Barn for \$6,995.00 before the money has been raised by the Swine Superintendents. Motion carried.

Sarah McGraw has been invited to the May meeting for her and 4 students to present their presentation to the Board as a requirement to be able to go to state.

4-11-22: Prater moved, Whitten seconded to accept the PEP insurance renewal as presented and permit Cosenza to sign the renewal. Motion carried.

4-12-22: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to reserve approximately 100 campsites and charge Kenworth \$25.00 per night per campsite for their 2022 Truck Parade, Kenworth will be responsible for obtaining a camping permit, porta johns, and trash pickup. Motion carried.

A counter proposal was sent by the Colburn's lawyer.

4-13-22: Free moved, Chrisman seconded not to change the RCAS Board of Directors vote in motion 3-11-22, and not to accept Colburn's counter proposal. Motion carried.

Caretaker Report

Wheeler would like to know where the Ohio Pork Producer sign should be hung.

4-14-22: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to repair the gate at the Harness racing for \$1,330.00. Motion carried.

Free reported that all sponsors are full. The new trees around the Bandstand area will need to be watered every 3 to 4 days. The Pickaway-Ross Career Center will be setting up a booth in the School Building. Steve Davis would like to pledge \$1,000.00 to each building project, Horse Arena, and Commercial Building when projects are started.

Clifton reported that he is working on contracts for the Commercial Building.

Haubeil reported that the Rabbit Barn material has been delivered and will start being built this week.

Nelson reported that the camping contracts were mailed out on March 31, 2022.

Prater has spoken with Kissel Amusement on the questions that the Board had at the March meeting, the pre-sale of the ride wristbands will be the same, the fuel surcharge will only be if diesel fuel is over \$3.00 per gallon, and Linda Kissel is Randy Kissel's wife.

4-15-22: Haubeil moved, Chain seconded to sign the Kissel Amusement contract. Motion carried.

Elliott is checking on purchasing 3 to 4 row high portable bleachers.

Pickerrell reported that it needs to be listed in the fair book that horses that are being trailered to the fair shows will need to be vet checked, he will prepare what times this will take place and forward the information to Gray.

Chrisman has included a note to all vendors to be respectful to our contract service workers and his contracts have been sent out.

The Lyons will not be selling their booth back to the Fair Board this year.

The Cattleman Club will be adding Wednesday to their schedule this year, they will be open 4pm to 7pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 10am.

A discussion took place on having at least a partial part of the campground becoming a certified campground. At present if more than 4 campers are on the grounds there should be a camping permit purchased. To have the campground certified there must be 1 dump station for every 100 campsites. Cosenza and Haubeil will be meeting with a state official on April 5, 2022, to gather more information.

4-16-22: Whitten moved, Bethel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY