

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday April 6, 2020 electronically due to the COVID 19 Pandemic per the approval of Am. Sub. H.B. 197 by the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bethel at 7:05.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Clary, Clever, Corcoran, Cosenza, Elliott, Free, Gearhart, Gray, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., Hill, Hurtt, McCorkle, Nelson, Pickerrell, Prater, Whitten, Nan Clary and Ludwick were present, and Chain was absent.

Guests – Katie Feldhues, Sally Bluck, Chris Hooks and Karlton Wheeler.

Feldhues received an email from the Ohio State Extension President stating that all face to face 4-H events are cancelled until July 6, 2020 per the Stay at Home Order. Jr. Fair might be able to have tag ins in the beginning of June. At this point the tag ins are postponed indefinitely. The Extension office is working on how to proceed and will keep the Senior Board informed.

4-1-20: Boggs moved, Free seconded to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

4-2-20: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to accept the Treasures Report and to pay the remainder of March 2020 bills totaling \$20,202.46 and April 1-6, 2020 bills totaling \$13,240.24. Motion carried.

4-3-20: Boggs moved, Chrisman seconded to renew the contract for the Ross County Agricultural Society with the Kingston National Bank to provide depository services for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022. Motion carried.

4-4-20: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to approve that deposits for building rentals and events that are cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Orders be reimbursed by the treasurer once approval is given by the President. Motion carried.

4-5-20: Cosenza moved, Boggs seconded to approve the list of Jr. Fair awards and honors as presented by the OSU Extension Office. Motion carried.

4-6-20: Boggs moved, Nelson seconded to approve the following, due to the Covid-19 Federal and State social distancing and stay at home orders; effective immediately and until further notice is given by the board; only one signature will be required on all checks. The treasurer is required to send a list of checks to be issued via email to the President and/or Vice President weekly and await approval before issuing any payments. All documentation of approval will be maintained for audit purposes. Motion carried.

4-7-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to approve the Senior Fair Board to sponsor the 2020 NBHA horse show on June 5-6, 2020. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. asked if any Board Director would be able to present at the Halloween Camp Out, Haubeil cannot attend but is willing to help prepare for the event. No one volunteered.

Ludwick reported that the insurance renewal has not been received from the insurance company. She has sent a request to CCI to the attention of Charles Burton to obtain permission of dumping sewage during the 2020 fair but has not received a response.

Bethel has not received the 168ticket or the Easyrider Rodeo contracts to date.

4-8-20: Boggs moved, Nelson seconded to permit the Doctors and Nurses from Adena and the VA to camp at the fairgrounds during the Covid-19 Pandemic free of charge. They may use the dumpster. They may not use the facilities or have family visitors. They should post their name on their camper. Motion carried.

When a cancellation or postponement occurs please contact Ludwick and Cosenza so the website calendar and the electronic sign can be updated.

Pickerrell wanted to know the procedure on signing contracts for judges and workers for the fair. McCorkle asked if we could put a clause in the contracts in the event, we are not able to have the fair due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Hill has the bandstand contracts already signed.  
Free has sold several sponsorship grandstand signs.

Gray has most items already sent to Dan Wells for the fair book. Wells is asking if we are going to go forward with printing the fair book, the original deadline was May 1, 2020. The deadline is being pushed back to June 1, 2020.

4-9-20: Haubeil moved, Free seconded to approve “Fun and Excitement there is Plenty...at the Ross County Fair of 2020” as the winner of the 2020 fair slogan contest, submitted by The Spirit Gang 4-H Club. Motion carried.

#### Caretakers Report

Events for April have either been cancelled or rescheduled with tentative dates. Motocross would like to have two summer races. Richie’s Food event is on hold. The First Capital Vintage Market Days have rescheduled for third weekend of July. The Starr Family Circus will need three weeks prep time when they reschedule. All barns are empty except for fair board members. There is a water leak that Wheeler is trying to find. The shower house is prepared for the season. A sign is being made for the entrance at gate 2 “Not Open to The Public”.

4-10-20: Whitten moved, Haubeil seconded to repair the transmission and radiator in the 2008 Dodge pickup, for approximately \$4300.00. Opposed votes, Boggs, Chrisman, Clary, Cosenza, Free, Hill, Hurtt 7 total. Affirmative votes, Clever, Gray, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., McCorkle, Nelson, Pickerrell, Whitten, Gearhart (by text), 9 total. Corcoran, Elliott, Prater, no response. Motion carried

Cosenza talked with Commissioner Corcoran and the Capital Budget Grant will probably not happen this year. The other grant is still a possibility.

4-11-20: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to add the letter written by Cosenza on the use of alcohol during the fair to the fair book. Motion carried.

Free doesn’t think that there will be school displays at the fair this year.

Clary has spoken with Tim Clark on the Smash It/Bash for Cash event, Clark is planning on still having the event at the scheduled date in May.

OFMA is planning on having district meeting on a smaller scale, information will follow soon.

4-12-20: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Federal and State social distancing and stay at home order; effective immediately and until further notice; approval is given by the board that Bethel may sign contracts electronically once contracts have been approved by the board. Motion carried.

4-13-20: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL  
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK  
SECRETARY RCAS