

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, August 2, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Brad Cosenza.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Haubeil Jr., and Hill were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – William Hopkins, Mathew Clifton, Chris Hooks, Peggy Campbell, and Katie Wells.

Hooks reported the Sales Committee is prepared for the Jr Fair Livestock Sales.

8-1-21: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to approve the July 6, 2021, and July 20, 2021, Minutes. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer Report

The \$50,000.00 grant from the signing of House Bill 109 has been received, this grant does not have to be attached to any single project.

8-2-21: Clever moved, Whitten seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

8-3-21: McCorkle moved, Pickerrell seconded to pay July 7-31, 2021, bills in the amount of \$119,996.77 and August 1-2, 2021, bills in the amount of \$104,972.99. Motion carried.

Damage occurred as the result of an electrical storm on July 29, 2021, at the fairgrounds. So far, a transformer, printer, a phone, an amplifier for the campground PA system, and a mixer on the MPB PA system were damaged. The insurance company needs to be alerted.

8-4-21: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to order an electrical transformer to have on hand. Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report

The medical scooters for rental purposes during the fair will be delivered on Friday, August 6, 2021. The tent order was discussed. A quote for the repairs on the handrails at the Grandstand is needed to be sent to complete the requirements for the PEP Grant. Elliott said he would have this quote completed.

## Caretakers Report

Campers and Vendors were trying to move in and setup on Sunday before the mowing was completed. The backhoe has two tires that are bad, and the new ones have been ordered.

8-5-21: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to install electrical outlets where the Unioto building was at the cost of \$2,400.00. Motion carried.

First Capital Technologies, Andy Wettersten, reported that the equipment for installing the fiber optic to the gates and the Grandstand has arrived and has been installed and is ready for the fair. If needed Horizon can increase the speed of the Wi-Fi during the fair. First Capital Technologies will be on sight during the fair to take care of any problems that arise.

Dr. Gabis has requested a spot to administer free Covid vaccines during the fair. The Pioneer School area in the Commercial Building or the Horizon Building are being looked at for this.

ODOT will be putting signs on St Rt 104 and the 207 Connector to try to redirect traffic during the fair. Hopefully the Gazette will publish a diagram of the parking lots being used during the fair when they interview Cosenza before the fair.

Nelson reported that Thomas Gas Service wants to have helium balloons and tinted safety glasses which in the past have not been allowed. She has contacted the insurance to see if this is permitted. It is permitted and the insurance company will be going over the list of items that in the past that had not been permitted and will update the list.

Chrisman has several vendors that will not be able to be at the fair due to illness or injuries. Three to four concessions are not coming this year.

8-6-21: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to refund John Stevens Concessions fee for the 2021 fair and retain their spot for the 2022 fair seasons, he cannot be here due to injuries sustained in an accident. Motion carried.

Free reported that the camper for the baby changing/breast feeding station will not be coming to the fair. The replacement signs have been ordered and should be here by the fair.

8-7-21: McCorkle moved, Prater seconded to pay WCIO Radio Station \$819.00 for advertisement of the fair. Motion carried.

Pickerrell reported that the tents for the Harness Racing are set up. There will be only one day of racing on Sunday. The manure pit is completed at the Jr Fair Horse Barn.

OSU has reinstated mandatory masks as of August 2, 2021. Exhibitors are being contacted to correct small issues concerning filling out the online DUNF forms.

8-8-21: Haubeil moved, Gray seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.  
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY