

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday February 3, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bethel at 7:00 pm.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Chrisman and Hill were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ludwick.

Guests – Lauren Esteph, James Esteph, Karlton Wheeler, Tyler Pritchard, Sandy Pritchard, Courtney Hines, Gary Cochenhour, William Hopkins, Kathy Young, Chris Hooks, Dan Riddle, Michael Wheeler, Brad Putnam, Justin Hall, Eden Stout, David Zeigler, Calee Smith, Earl Palmer, Dick Schumacher, Bruce Beery, Sherriff Lavender and Chris Higley.

Lauren and James Esteph with Dimple Times proposed to publish a booklet for the Ross County Fair free to patrons and to the RCAS. They will be meeting with the Advertising Committee.

Tyler Pritchard and Chris Higley were both promoting their own tent company for the 2020 Fair.

William Hopkins with NPO discussed issues with the quote for the ticket takers at the fair. Minimum wage has increased this year, there should be more workers at the back gate and the Y gate needs to be reopened.

Sherriff Lavender spoke with the Govender DeWine about opening the exit on the Rt 207 connector during the fair for an emergency exit and overflow during heavy traffic times. He wanted to know if the SFB wanted him to pursue this issue, if so, he would contact the Deputy Director of ODT to have a meeting with the SFB.

2-1-20: Clary moved, Cosenza seconded to have Sherriff Lavender contact the Deputy Director of ODT to pursue having the exit onto Rt 207 connector opened for use during the fair. Motion carried.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

Justin Hall and Eden Stout explained the Penny Wars that they would like to have during the fair.

2-2-20: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to permit the Jr. Fair to have Penny Wars at the livestock barns. Motion carried.

The registration for Jr. Fair exhibitors will be completed strictly online this year.

2-3-20: Whitten moved, Nelson seconded to approve on August 9, 2020 to have an exhibit/petting zoo for special needs children. Motion carried.

Zeigler, Cochenhour, Hines and Smith representing the Rabbit Barn discussed the possibility of the new barn. They inquired about the size and requested an exhaust system compatible to the one that is used at the grandstand.

Feldhues passed out an info sheet on the swine feed ractopamine ban. So far 50% of the county fairs have banned the use of this feed with a zero-tolerance plan in effect.

2-4-20: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to accept the document as written on the ban on the feed ractopamine hydrochloride to all swine projects and to keep informed on all new information that comes available. Motion carried.

(Document Attached)

2-5-20: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to contact the RCAS insurance to check on coverage to protect RCAS on swine that could have been feed ractopamine hydrochloride without our knowledge. Motion carried.

Spin Clubs will be started for special needs children.

Superintendent meeting will be held Tuesday March 25, 2020.

Aaron Swepston thanked the SFB for helping with the Advisor Banquet.

2-6-20: Free moved, Prater seconded to permit the use of the Multipurpose Building on March 10, 2020 from 6pm – 8pm for 4-H Rally Night. Motion carried.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that there is still one invoice that has not been paid.

2-7-20: Hurtt moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the January 6, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.

2-8-20: Haubeil moved, Elliott seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

2-9-20: Haubeil moved, Prater seconded to pay the remainder of January bills of \$73,962.00 and the February bills of \$39,718.42. Motion carried.

2-10-20: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to purchase computer programs. Motion carried.

2-11-20: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the National Guard to use the grassy area behind the beef barn for night training and primitive camping on February 12-14, 2020 free of charge. Motion carried.

Secretary Report

The Contract Service Notice will be advertised on our website and published in the Gazette and on the Chambers email Blast on February 7, 2020.

If any Director would like to update their bio for the website forms are available.

Caretaker's Report

An event was double booked, Wheeler asked permission to refund the person's money.

The hand sanitizers are not working properly.

2-12-20: Clever moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to permit Cosenza to sign and return the Interrogatory Responses to the lawyer regarding the Jackson lawsuit. Motion carried.

2-13-20: Clary moved, Clever seconded to approve the contract services specs. Motion carried.

Cosenza has submitted the following grants for the RCAS, Ohio Agricultural Society Facilities Grant, \$50,000.00 and Capital Budget Grant, \$200,000.00.

Bethel has received the contracts for 168 tickets and the Easyrider Rodeo back from the lawyers. Paul Pollard's contracts were discussed and tabled until the March meeting.

2-14-20: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to approve the Tru Quality contract to perform spraying on the fairgrounds for \$2,322.00. Motion carried.

2-15-20: Clary moved, Whitten seconded to approve daily tickets for the Jeep Fest on Friday and Saturday for the cost of \$10.00. Motion carried.

Clever reported that the campground upgrade is almost completed. There are 5 fans to be hung in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

2-16-20: Hurtt moved, Cosenza seconded to hire All Win Electric to hang 5 fans in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn for \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Haubeil reported that the new rabbit barn would have to be ordered by March 14, 2020 in order to be completed by the 2020 fair.

2-17-20: Prater moved, Free seconded to hire Combs Heating & Cooling to replace the air conditioning system for the Grange at the Grandstand. Motion carried.

Gray has requested that all proofed fair book pages be turned in. Free has added 40 more businesses to send sponsorship packets to this year.

2-18-20: Clary moved, Chain seconded to have Free order 100 royalty pins for \$270.00. Motion carried.

2-19-20: Clary moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

