

The Regular Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on January 11, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Chain, Haubeil Jr., Hill, and Prater were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Chris Hooks, Chris Bruynis, Brian Nelson, Lacey Derexson, and Amy Beeler.

Representatives of the Pioneer Center Pony Camp spoke to the Board of Directors on the possibility of using the 4-H Horse barn, Arena, and restrooms to hold their camp. The camp would be for five days from 9am to 12pm Monday through Friday. There would be thirty to forty children with disabilities attending. They have their own insurance and will provide horses for the camp. There will also be crafts and a magician.

1-1-22: Boggs moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the Pioneer Center Pony Camp to use the 4-H Horse Barn, Horse Arena, and restrooms the week of June 20, 2022, for their camp and to allow one camper to stay on site to care for the horses left in the 4-H Horse Barn overnight. Motion carried.

Hooks reported that 100 exhibitors from the 2022 sale, 22 exhibitors from the 2019 sale and 2 exhibitors from the 2018 sale have not cashed their checks, seven buyers have not paid for the 2022 sale. The Sales Committee decided that the sales order would be staying the same. The hogs and sheep are happy with the sale order, the cattle would like to change. It was also decided to keep the sale a terminal sale.

1-2-22: Clever moved, Whitten seconded to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

1-3-22: McCorkle moved, Bethel seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

1-4-22: Pickerrell moved, Boggs seconded to approve the payment of December 15-31, 2022, bills totaling \$35,553.31 and January 1-11, 2022, bills totaling \$7,494.32. Motion carried.

1-5-22: Bethel moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept \$726,000.00 grant from the Ross County Commissioners to install Wi-Fi on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

1-6-22: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to open a purchase order to pay vendors on the Wi-Fi installation. Motion carried.

1-7-22: Nelson moved, Boggs seconded to approve asking the Commissioners for the Annual Funds Request. Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report

The Directors bios on the website need to be updated. The website needs to be updated. The new shirts for the Directors should be ready by the February meeting.

The specs for the contract service quotes on the trash dumpsters needs changed to require 5 30-yard containers on site instead of 3.

#### President Report

If any changes need to be made to the Committee Lists, please contact Cosenza. The State has released information on grant money to be awarded. The Horse Barn Committee should consider applying for this money. There will be a meeting on the new Horse Barn at the fairgrounds on January 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

#### Caretaker Report

Mark Shumaker has resigned. Derek Wheeler is available to work 8-2 Monday – Friday, he would like to be paid \$14.00 per hour.

1-8-22: Clary moved, Boggs seconded to hire Derek Wheeler for 30 hours per week starting January 12, 2022, at \$12.00 per hour (to evaluate a higher wage later). Motion carried.

The General's Baseball & Softball Club will start their bingo at the fairgrounds on February 1, 2022, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. The 21 barrels have been finished and ready for concrete to be used at the horse barn. The preventive

maintenance has been started on all vehicles. The building of the portable electrical trees will be starting soon.

Free is going to inquire about having one of the car dealerships to donate a 4 x 4 ¾ ton long bed pickup to the fairgrounds.

Boggs has received a quote from AED Professionals for replacement batteries and electrode system for the defibrillators for \$385.00, the Board wants them to be ordered. This will be part of the annual PEP Grant.

1-9-22: Clary moved, Boggs seconded to approve purchase of computer, printer, and tablets necessary for Nelson to operate the fairgrounds camping. Motion carried.

Clifton thanked the Board for his trip to the convention and hopes that we have a concert with a M.A.D.E. during the fair.

Haubeil is hopeful that by the end of next week we will be ready for the new Rabbit Barn to be delivered.

Gray has spoken with Dan Wells, and he is willing to do the fair premium book again this year.

Pickerrell has requested 5 loads of #9 limestone for the track at the Grandstand

1-10-22: Pickerrell moved, Haubeil seconded to purchase 5 loads of #9 limestone, approximately \$2,000.00, for the racetrack and having it paid for out of the Grandstand fund. Motion carried.

1-11-22: Free moved, Pickerrell seconded to upgrade the electric and water on the west side of Huntington Street in the campgrounds for the approximate cost of \$65,000.00. Motion carried.

Clever announced that there will be a Superintendent meeting at the Service Center on January 20, 2022, from 6 – 8pm.

Chrisman has someone interested in taking over the Lions permanent food booth if they are selling the building back to RCAS.

1-12-22: Clifton moved, Clever seconded to increase the Bandstand/Grounds entertainment budget an additional \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Clary has been in contacted with Pike County Fair to see if it would be alright if we have an event at the Grandstand on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the fair where admission is charged, Pike County Fair is fine with this. This is a tentative schedule for the Grandstand.

Saturday afternoon – Antique Tractor Pulls. Saturday evening Diesel Truck Pulls

Sunday afternoon – Harness Racing. Sunday evening Queen / King Contest

Monday – MADE Concert? Tuesday – Jr. Fair. Wednesday – Motocross

Thursday – Autocross. Friday – Autocross. Saturday – Demo Derby.

Clary looked into renting bleachers for under \$2,000.00. Tim Clark with Smash-It would like to be considered to have another event at the fairgrounds over Labor Day.

Nelson reported that the OFMA Convention will be one week later next year. She also wanted to congratulate the Jr. Fair Board on their presentations at the convention, they did a great job.

The February 7, 2022, meeting will start at 6pm.

1-13-22: Boggs moved, Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY

