

The Special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday July 22, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Haubeil Jr. and Hill were absent.

Guests – Earl Palmer, William Hopkins, Kathy Young and Karlton Wheeler.

Beverly Schwalbach and her daughter Sharon presented a chair to be used by the mothers nursing at the JVS Building in honor of Harold Schwalbach.

Jr. Fair Report

Feldhues conveyed to the Board before the meeting of a request that a finer sawdust or shavings to be used in the show arena for the swine show.

Correspondence

Uhrig received a letter from Representative Bob Peterson thanking her for sending a letter regarding House Bill 6 on our electrical peak demand issue.

The RCAS was awarded a check from PEP grant program for \$1,000.00 to purchase a defibrillator.

The Homemaker of the Year award is being sponsored by The Savings Bank.

S7-1-19: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to enter the letter that Cindy Uhrig received from State Senator Bob Peterson into the minutes. Motion carried.

Dear Cynthia,

Thank you for contacting my office. I received your email supporting House Bill 6. As your State Senator in Columbus, it is important for me to not only know, but also to understand the issues and concerns of those I represent.

As such, I truly appreciate you taking the time to reach out to me.

Thank you, in particular, for reaching out to me on an issue that you feel strongly about. House Bill 6 is currently in the Senate Energy and Public Utilities committee and has had multiple hearings. Energy policy is a very

important issue that affects all Ohioans and that is why I am taking the time to review everyone's comments, listen to testimony, and research the issue before making a decision on how to vote on House Bill 6. Your comments are a crucial part of this process, and I will keep them in mind as we continue to study and debate the future of energy regulations in Ohio. Thank you for raising my awareness of this issue. If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Bob Peterson
State Senator, District 17*

Treasurer's Comments

Jeep Fest 2019 had a net profit of \$50,012.00.

Karlton Wheeler has requested to have direct deposit for his payroll check.

S7-2-19: Boggs moved, Uhrig seconded to have direct deposit an option for employees. Motion carried.

S7-3-19: Uhrig moved, McCorkle seconded to refund Jennifer McBee \$235.00 for her camping site. Motion carried.

The rabbit open show has not requested any money for the 2019 show. Lykins Energy has a special summer rate on propane for the cost of \$1.499 until Labor Day.

S7-4-19: Uhrig moved, Gray seconded to fill the propane now and refill before Labor Day. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. asked the Board their feelings on whether to use thermal ticket stock or receipts for tickets at the gates.

The Vet Association has control of the vets during the fair. To have a vet other than the ones in the association, they must have permission from the Vet Association.

Caretaker's Report

Tru Quality will not be able to spray for weed control until July 29, 2019. For the 2020 season it will be stated in their contract that all weed control will need to be completed two weeks before the fair starts.

The new signs have been hung on the Jr. Horse Barn and the Small Animal Show Arena. The skid steerer has been repaired.

Committee Reports

Uhrig reported that Chrisman and Uhrig attended the Rotary Luncheon today. The electronic sign will be repaired on July 23, 2019, they are installing a new program on the computer and new parts on the sign.

New signs for the shower house have been purchased.

Ceil Corcoran has requested to hand out handheld fans in the show arena during the fair, this is permitted.

The website has been updated with the Bandstand Schedule, Weekly Schedule and the Chillicothe Transit Schedule for the fair.

Dale Minyo will be at the fair on Wednesday August 7, 2019, this is sponsored by Agrigold, there will be a \$250.00 donation to the Jr. Fair to follow.

Pickerrell reported the 4-H Horse Committee will be purchasing a new shed for the Horse Barn.

S7-5-19: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to purchase thirty bags of mulch for the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Hurtt reported that the last campsite is being filled, 1,458 campsites rented. He is working on the 50-amp campsite list. Hurtt has asked for help to work the gate on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 to receive payments for early campers.

Prater reported that Jake Clemmons will have his T-Shirt trailer at the fair this year.

Nelson reported that there are two to three empty booths on the inside and eight empty booths on the outside of the Commercial Building.

S7-6-19: Uhrig moved, Free seconded to operate all open shows at the fair in a standardized manor. Motion carried.

Cosenza volunteered to right the language on the open shows.

Clary reported that we are having trouble finding sawdust for the Rabbit Barn and Petting Zoo. The sawdust for the Horse Barn will be delivered. The stairs on the infield announcer's stand have been repaired. The scale pad needs repaired with asphalt. The sound system is up and running, working well.

S7-7-19: Prater moved, Chrisman seconded to purchase extra electrical parts for \$1,500.00 for fair. Motion carried.

S7-8-19: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to approve \$1,000.00 for new fans in the Beef Barn. Motion carried.

The smoke alarms are being tested in the Multipurpose Building.

S7-9-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to purchase and install fire alarms in all buildings for \$2,400.00. Motion carried.

S7-10-19: Uhrig moved, Nelson seconded to repair the ticket booth's floor. Motion carried.

S7-11-19: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to purchase more gravel to repair trip hazards on the grounds. Motion carried.

There is a hole in the wall of the Multipurpose Building.

Jeep Fest Recap

The board discussed an issue that arose at Jeep Fest regarding credit card payments. The devices provided by 168tickets showed two (2) options for selecting credit card payments. One of which did not function at all and the other would have accurately charged the credit card payments. Despite a board representative sending an email to 168tickets prior to the event asking 168tickets to remove the correct option from the devices, which indicated a lack of understanding on how to use the devices, 168tickets did not respond to that

request prior to the event. As a result, a board representative trained the gate staff how to use the devices incorrectly (i.e. selecting the non-functioning credit card option) and all gate transactions that should have been charged to credit cards were not. The board did not discover the problem until the event was ended, and with no other identifying information on the patrons who tried to pay with credit cards, this resulted in significant lost revenue from this year's event. The lost revenue reported from the Treasurer is approximately \$10,500. The board decided to consult with its attorney regarding its rights and obligations under the 168tickets contract.

S7-12-19: Hurtt moved, Boggs seconded to purchase two coolers and two pop up canopies. Motion carried.

Free suggested that hats and or visors be purchased for the Board to wear during the opening ceremonies of the fair.

S7-13-19: Prater moved, Boggs seconded to order hats and or visors with the Ross County Fair emblem for the Board. Motion carried.

S7-14-19: Clever moved, Whitten seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

