

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on June 21, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed Bethel, Boggs, Clever, Nelson, and Pickerrell were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Dakota Romine, Jeff (Hometown Tickets), BJ Pickerrell, Julie Oats, and Chris Hooks.

Bethel arrived at 6:13 pm.

Dakota Romine and Jeff from Hometown Tickets presented to the Board on how their company operates. There can be presales, in person credit card sales, and no charge to RCAS for cash sales. The program keeps track of all sales and comp ticket entries. The program is at no cost to RCAS. A \$1.00 fee is charged for each credit card purchase plus 2.9% plus \$.30. They offer equipment rentals, kiosks. There will be support on site during the fair.

S6-1-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Hill seconded to sign a contract with Hometown Tickets for 3 years. Motion carried.

BJ Pickerrell and Julie Oats came to answer questions that the Board had on forming a subcommittee for fund raising purpose for the new horse arena. They explained that they did not intend to start the build until 90% of the funds had been raised.

S6-2-22: Haubeil moved, Clary seconded to have our attorney prepare a contract between RCAS and the Ross County 4-H Horse Committee to form a new subcommittee for the purpose of fundraising to build a new covered horse arena on the fairgrounds with groundbreaking not to take place until 90% of the funds have been raised. Motion carried.

Andy Wettersten encouraged the Board to contact him to set up their Ross County Fair emails. He recommended to rent equipment from Hometown tickets for the fair. First Capital Technologies contract is coming up for renewal.

S6-3-22: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to purchase surveillance cameras up to \$3,000.00 for the Swine barn to be installed before the 2022 fair. Motion carried.

S6-4-22: Corcoran moved, Free seconded to approve the 990 and to submit as is. Motion carried.

S6-5-22: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the hiring of Ryan McCann on June 8, 2022, and Audrey Wheeler June 15, 2022, at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The Directors participating in the Jr Fair Night outhouse race are Nelson, Clifton, Free, Whitten and Chain.

The ride vouchers from Kissel/Triple Treats have been delivered. The comp/daily tickets have been ordered from Printex, the cost will be \$1,475.00. A quote of at least \$615.00 is needed to turn in the application for the annual PEP grant.

Cosenza appointed 3 Judges Gearhart, Prater, Cosenza and 2 Clerks Gray and Hill for the annual director's election on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Wheeler reported that the Vegetable Building has been power washed and painted. There is a ramp in the Swine barn that needs to be replaced. He has been filling in the berm the roads with gravel and may need more gravel. Easyrider left a large amount of orange fence. Who is responsible for picking up the trash cans after the fair? Clifton will find someone to put up the trash cans.

S6-6-22: Prater moved, Gearhart seconded to purchase 4 synthetic boards at \$57.00 each to replace the ramp at the Swine barn. Motion carried.

S6-7-22: Clary moved, Hill seconded to purchase roundup for approximately \$6,000.00 for grounds application on the fairgrounds. Motion carried. Bethel abstained.

Haubeil Jr. will be working this weekend prepping for Jeep Fest. There will not be beer sales this year and no fireworks. The camping permit is being submitted. He will be sending out a signup sheet for help on jobs that need to be covered during Jeep Fest.

Haubeil reported that the quote for blacktop paving is \$25,600.00. The ceiling fans need to be installed in the Small Animal Show Arena.

Gator Jons office site will be moved to inside the guardrail by the shower house.

Hill asked if the grassy area across from the JVS Building is alright for the Health Department to set up during the fair.

Bethel left at 8:02 pm.

S6-8-22: Elliott moved, Whitten seconded to approve purchase of a pickup for the fairgrounds up to \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Clifton reported that the Commercial Building is filling up with vendors. He said that Pickaway County Fair charges \$5,000.00 for daily sponsors and the Directors wear shirts with the daily sponsors logo for that day.

A discussion on the sound system took place. Cosenza and Clary would like to meet with Swango together to go over what is wrong with the system.

Free is running out of room for new racetrack signs. Adena Health Systems would like to donate \$50,000.00 and has asked for a wish list.

S6-9-22: Free moved, Prater seconded to pay Morton Buildings \$9,500.00 to draw plans for the new commercial building.

Free and Prater rescinded their motion S6-9-22.

It was suggested that a RFQ be sent out to architects and engineers to draw the plans for the commercial building.

S6-10-22: Free moved, Prater seconded to interview architects/engineers to draw the plans for the commercial building. Motion carried.

Haubeil would like to know the estimated cost of maintenance, heating and cooling of the new buildings being planned.

Whitten will need a 60-foot boom truck and to purchase dust control for the fair.

Elliott reported that the 4-H storage building is completed.

There are 2 people that are interested in applying for the Treasurers job. Interviews will be set up. Hill will attend the interviews.

S6-11-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Gearhart seconded to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

S6-12-22: Haubeil moved, Clary seconded to go out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:10 pm. Motion carried.

S6-13-22: Haubeil Jr moved, Gearhart seconded to have Chrisman step down as a Director of Paint Township. 9 Affirmative votes, 2 Opposed votes. Motion carried.

S6-14-22: Clary moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCSA SECRETARY

