

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Clever, Gearhart, Haubeil Jr were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chrisman.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Philip Hurtt who passed away on June 20, 2021.

Guests – Chris Hooks

The Spring Awakening event coordinators expressed their thanks and are looking forward to having the event next year on the same weekend.

Treasurer Report

The audit is complete with no issues.

Jeep Fest will be selling beer during the concerts only, volunteers on needed to work.

Boggs arrived at 7:24 pm.

More information will be needed by the July 6, 2021, meeting to decide on the conveniences fee charge for using a credit card at our events. At present the charge is 4% plus \$0.30.

S6-1-21: Corcoran moved, Haubeil seconded to turn the lease mower back and lease a new mower from Southern Ohio Equipment Company. Motion carried. Hill abstained.

Cosenza asked the Board if anyone has an issue with dealing with Southern Ohio Equipment Company, all were fine with dealing with this company.

Secretary Report

Membership tickets are on sale, the last day to purchase a membership ticket is August 2, 2021. The last day to turn in a petition for the Directors Election is July 21, 2021. The veterinaries training with ODA, Dr. Dennis Summers will be held in the fair office on July 7, 2021. Prater will be contacting Triple Treats to order the ride vouchers for the fair. The fair office will be open the week of July 12, 2021, Monday – Friday 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday 11 am to 3 pm.

Matt Clifton contacted Clary with question on the vacant Deerfield Township Directors position. Has also said he would continue to help with filling the camping waiting list.

S6-2-21: Whitten moved, Chrisman seconded to permit Ro Hurtt, with the assistance and guidance of the camping committee, to finish out the placing of campers that are on the waiting list for the 2021 fair. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on when and what to do to fill the Deerfield Township Director vacancy. Ludwick will be contacting ODA on the laws and rules on this matter and the advertising of the “Notice of Election”.

S6-3-21: Hill moved, Boggs seconded to not appoint or fill the Deerfield Township vacancy at this time. Motion carried.

Golf cart permits need to be ordered for the 2021 fair.

S6-4-21: Prater moved, Hill seconded to permit 4-H to plant a tree in honor of Philip Hurtt. Motion carried.

S6-5-21: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to charge the Ohio State Trappers Association by the building and area for their event. Motion carried.

The money from ODA (Ohio Bill 109) will be delayed.

Any Director that would like to go with Chuck Shrader from the County Engineers Garage to look at bucket trucks are welcome. McCorkle might attend.

The Ross County Commissioners have applications that can be obtained to receive Corona Virus grant money.

The map of traffic flow that ODT made was discussed.

Cosenza appointed 3 judges, Whitten, Corcoran, Prater, and 2 clerks, Free and Gray for the Directors Election held an August 12, 2021, 2pm to 6pm.

Caretaker Report

Wheeler is painting in the Commercial Building and the shower house needs painted.

Boggs has confirmed the curtain company for the fair.
Elliott will have the crosswalks painted.

S6-6-21: Gray moved, Prater seconded to have Whitten hire for dust control during the fair. Motion carried.

S6-7-21: Prater moved, Hill seconded to have a budget of \$4006.00 for radio advertisement with WKKJ for the 2021 fair. Motion carried.

S6-8-21: Prater moved, Whitten seconded for Free to order 12 benches for \$446.00 per bench, 6 will be paid by sponsors and 6 will be paid by RCAS. Motion carried.

Jeremy Forcum has sold sponsorships for the Autocross event during the fair and so has Free. It was decided that there was room for all the sponsor on the advertisement page of the fair book. Also, the process of how and who handled the entry fees and pay outs for the classes was discussed.

Navy Petty Officers will be working the gate at Jeep Fest starting Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 9:00 am.

Nelson has 14 vendors not returning and has 13 booths inside and 1 outside that are not filled.

Gray is adding a memorial page for Philip Hurtt and then the fair book is complete and ready to be printed.

S6-9-21: Corcoran moved, Pickerrell seconded to purchase ink pads and ink for the ticket booths for approximately \$500.00. Motion carried.

Clary has declared that he does not want to be the head of the Grandstand entertainment committee after this year.

S6-10-21: Hill moved, Whitten seconded not to provide a tent for First Capital Enterprises during the fair. Motion carried.

S6-11-21: Boggs moved, Hill seconded to hire 2 workers for the fair office to work the week before and week of the fair and 1 worker the week of July 12, 2021. Motion carried.

S6-12-21: Clary moved, Free seconded to change the July 5, 2021, meeting to July 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

S6-13-21: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY