

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted June 6, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Teratia Welch, Chris Hooks, Shawna Bell, Mike Bell, Tim Clark, Tim Clark Jr, Shane McCullough, Holly Helber, Katie Wells, Braylee Burkitt, and Lee Sullivan.

Lee Sullivan with Morton Buildings spoke to the Board on the plans of building a new Commercial Building. Free would like to keep it versatile to have more options on rentals. Mr. Sullivan explained the steps to complete, budget, drawing of plans, layout and final costs, and build. At present the size of the building will be 21,000 square feet, 81' x 225'. A kitchen 24' x 75' to be on the back side. Samples of the different interiors were passed out to the directors.

Teratia Welch from Ohio Health addressed the Board on holding a “Touch A Truck” event to welcome providers back to the area and welcome new providers to Chillicothe. They will need a large green area for the event. The event will be held on July 30, 2022, with Sunny 95 radio station on site. The event is free to the public.

6-1-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Clary seconded to approve Ohio Health to use area #1 parking to hold their event “Touch A Truck” July 30, 2022, from 1pm – 4pm. Motion carried.

Tim Clark with Smash It asked if in the future that the mud pits at the Grandstand infield please be filled in, this will be addressed when the contract is written.

Shane McCullough with the Swine Barn presented a quote for a set of Smidley livestock scales for \$2,999.00. Hooks asked if they were certified for weight to sell animals. The company will be contacted to confirm.

6-2-22: Prater moved, Clever seconded to purchase the Smidley Scales for \$2,999.99 if they are certified. Motion carried.

Mike and Shawna Bell with Bell Farms would like to add more food items to their menu during the fair, salad, and brisket. They would also like to have a contract with RCAS and be able to work other events at the fairgrounds.

6-3-22: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded to permit Bell Farms to add salads and brisket to their menu during the fair. Motion carried.

Braylee Burkitt representing Jr Fair Board reported that they have decided to nominate Dan and Jean Winters for the Friends of 4-H award.

Wells discussed the letter from Shane Mathews concerning his daughter missing the deadline by over seven weeks to register her taking a steer. There is nothing that can be done at this late date. The construction of the storage building for storing the Halloween decorations used at the 4-H Halloween campout is being worked on and the 4-H Committee will be paying for this construction.

6-4-22: Clever moved, Hill seconded to approve the May 2, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

Cosenza thanked Nan Clary for her services as Treasurer and for offering to train her replacement, Nan Clary submitted her resignation today.

6-5-22: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the Treasurer report. Motion carried.

6-6-22: Chain moved, Clifton seconded to approve payment of May 3-31, 2022, bills totaling \$128,017.48. Motion carried.

6-7-22: Clever moved, Elliott seconded to approve payment of June 1-6, 2022, bills totaling \$91,421.62. Motion carried.

6-8-22: Haubeil moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to hire Thomas Martinez as of May 18, 2022, at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

6-9-22: Pickerrell moved, Chain seconded to have Printex print the daily/comp tickets for the 2022 fair. Motion carried.

The new owners of Gator Jons have sent a quote in their name for the 2022 fair. The Weekly Schedule draft and tent order was passed around for approval. The OFMA membership cards were passed out to the Directors.

Cosenza has heard back from the lawyers on creating a subcommittee for the purpose of fund raising and building the new horse arena complex. The subcommittee can raise funds, but RCAS will be liable for any loans that are associated with the building.

Holly Helber reported that they have contacted a firm from Columbus to help raise funds for the horse arena complex. They would also like to reach out to the community leaders to become involved with the project. At this point until there is a subcommittee in place and exactly what will be built no one has committed to donations. Cosenza suggested that they present the build in phases and what the end project will be.

It was decided that RCAS would charge Ohio Health \$200.00 for the use of area #1 parking for their event "Touch A Truck".

6-10-22: Prater moved, Hill seconded to permit the Sheriff Department to use the JVS Building to hold MILO training on June 21-23, 2022, and June 27-30, 2022. Motion carried.

6-11-22: Pickerrell moved, Clever seconded to remove any wording that RCAS would be paying for the electrician on the Smash It contract. Motion carried.

The Board would like to have a badge identification to use during events that are held on the fairgrounds.

Sheriff Lavender will be meeting with ODOT on the plans for the exit/entrance to the 207 connector.

Plessinger is redoing the motocross track and does not want anyone on the track during Jeep Fest.

Wheeler has been trying to sweep the mud off the grounds roads.

6-12-22: Clary moved, Chain seconded not to permit 2 Extreme Monster Truck event to use RCAS equipment. Motion carried.

6-13-22: Prater moved, Hill seconded to permit Barbara Hartley to purchase a bench from RCAS to put a plaque on. Motion carried.

Nelson reported that camping is going smoothly and has 83 sites open and working on the waiting list for the fair.

Clary will need a dozer to use during the fair.

6-14-22: Hill moved, Elliott seconded to approve \$25,000.00 for blacktop repair. Motion carried.

Clifton asked if everyone please use his fair email address. CHS M.A.D.E. members do not receive a membership card, something needs to be worked out for Monday of the fair for them to gain entrance to the fair for free.

A fee needs to be set for event customers to advertise on the electronic sign and our website.

6-15-22: Hill moved, Chain seconded to purchase a timer for the general parking security lights for \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

The new rabbit barn is to be named Small Animal Show Arena and the previous small animal show arena will be named Ross County Pavilion.

6-16-22: Clary moved, Prater seconded to approve a PO# for \$90,445.00 for the new Small Animal Show Arena. Motion carried.

6-17-22: Hill moved, Prater seconded to approve \$1,900.00 for recess lights and \$1,400.00 for extra electrical breakers for the fair. Motion carried.

Ludwick will call Triple Treats to have the weekly ride vouchers sent.

Haubeil Jr. will be contacting Hometown Tickets to see if they are an option to use for the 2022 fair.

Nelson and Clifton will be participating in the Jr Fair Night outhouse race, three more Directors are needed.

Absentee during the RCAS meetings needs to be addressed.

6-18-22: Haubeil moved, Clary seconded to permit Whit's Custard to set up their food vendor trailer at the 2022 fair. Motion carried.

6-19-22: Clary moved, Free seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY

BRADFORD COSENZA
PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICKRCAS
RCAS SECRETARY