

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, June 7, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brad Cosenza.

Roll Call revealed that Boggs, Haubeil Jr., McCorkle, and Prater were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Sally Bluck, Tara Immell, Amy Smythe, Chris Hooks, Kathy Young, Roger Young, Andy Wettersten and Dan Riddle.

Bluck reported the mandatory mask order has been lifted for 4-H. Quality Assurance last chance to complete will be June 15, 2021, at 6pm, it will cost \$20.00 per person. Clever requested that a list of exhibitors that have not completed their Quality Assurance be sent to the Club Advisors. Skill-A-Thon will be held July 13 & 14, 2021. Riddle conveyed the Jr Fair Board's appreciation for the Row of Champions signs that was purchased.

6-1-21: Pickerrell moved, Chain seconded to approve the May 3, 2021, and May 18, 2021, Minutes. Motion carried.

6-2-21: Corcoran moved, Clever seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

6-3-21: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to pay May 4-31, 2021, bills totaling \$123,370.13 and June 1-7, 2021, bills totaling \$50,340.44. Motion carried.

The procedure of complimentary tickets for Directors was discussed and decided to keep same process. Ludwick has been in contact with Dr. Lloyd on the veterinarians for the check-ins at the fair, he is concerned with having enough coverage to complete the check-ins. RCAS was contacted by Katie Boyer from ODA wanting to send free banners. Information to receive a free 4'x8' aluminum sign to promote pork producers has been sent. More information on what we are being charge per transaction/ticket sale from 168tickets needs to be investigated.

Cosenza reported that Easyriders thought that they were being charged the same as in 2019 for their event. That contract expired at the end of 2019. They are requesting a reduction in payment of the current contract if they do not have a large turnout at their event. As of June 7, 2021, Easyriders have not signed the contract.

6-4-21: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to permit Cosenza to sign the contract with Unioto for purchase of their permanent food booth on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

6-5-21: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to demolish the Unioto permanent food booth. Motion carried. Free opposed.

Kenworth wants to add more fence and gates. Kenworth has requested that they have a sign on the Grandstand at no cost to them. The Grandstand is full, a location for a sign is being checked on.

Ross County Health District wants to have a booth and misting station during the fair to promote their levy that will be on the ballot. Nelson will check on the availability of a booth.

The bucket truck is still in the shop waiting on parts for repair, the cost for repairs is \$8,030.00 The County Engineers office has proposed to purchase another bucket truck with RCAS for \$34,900.00.

Andy Wettersten proposed a plan to run fiberoptic to all the ticket booths and the Grandstand. The cost will be \$22,900.00. This can be finished before the 2021 Fair and hopefully before the 2021 Jeep Fest.

6-6-21: Clary moved, Free seconded to proceed with Andy Wettersten and Swango to install the fiberoptic cables, on the condition that Swango fills in the ditches properly. Motion carried.

6-7-21: Elliott moved, Hill seconded to repair our current bucket truck and rent a bucket truck for the month of August from Utility Truck Equipment Inc for \$3,500.00, then apply the rent to the purchase price. Motion carried.

A spectator at the NBHA Show expressed concern that a person running equipment had been drinking alcohol during the event. It was decided that a policy will be made to prevent this from happening in the future.

Caretaker Report

Unioto Schools will be at the fairgrounds at 10 am on June 8, 2021, to walk through their emergency plan.

6-8-21: Haubeil mover, Clary seconded to approve the purchase of a water pump for the pressure washer at the cost of approximately \$210.00. Motion carried.

6-9-21: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to purchase either lumber to repair barricades or to replace the existing ones with plastic barricades. Motion carried.

Hurtt has one more day and will be finished with campers wanting to move to a different site. On Wednesday June 9, 2021, he will start filling campsites from the waiting list.

6-10-21: Haubeil moved, Elliott seconded to purchase \$2,000.00 of gravel to use on the grounds to repair trip hazards. Motion carried.

Gravel is needed around the Bandstand area.

6-11-21: Pickerrell moved, Clever seconded to use \$5,000.00 of Harness Racing funds to purchase gates to use during the fair for the race horse tents. Motion carried.

6-12-21: Bethel moved, Hurtt seconded to repair the manure pit at the Jr Fair Horse Barn for \$6,000.00. Motion carried.

Free reported that G&J Pepsi will be donating free drinks to the Fairboard. Adena will be paying for the hand sanitizers and would like to have a small sticker with their logo on each station. OU will be bringing a tent for younger kids to conduct science experiments.

Trip hazards are being repaired on the grounds.

Gray is waiting on the completed vet page for the fair book.

Chrisman is losing a few vendors but will be picking up new ones.

Clary reported that the electric needs to be repaired at the Grandstand.

6-13-21: Pickerrell moved, Hill seconded to purchase materials up to \$5,000.00 for repairs to the Grange Building. Motion carried.

Shenandoah and Sweet Tea Trio will be performing Saturday night during Jeep Fest.

6-14-21: Clever moved, Pickerrell seconded to spend up to \$20,000.00 in paving on the grounds. Motion carried.

6-15-21: Bethel moved, Whitten seconded to opt out of optional livestock rules. Motion carried.

There will not be livestreaming of the livestock shows this year during the fair. Alternate parking is still being worked on for the 2021 fair.

6-16-21: Bethel moved, Pickerrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

