

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, March 1, 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, Chrisman, Clary, McCorkle, and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Roger Young, Kathy Young, Andrea Arledge, Tessie Lucas, Chris Hooks, Katie Wells, and Dan Riddle.

Wells reported that as of March 1, 2021 enrollment for Jr. Fair projects is at 1368, this is down from 2020. The 4-H member enrollment is 330 less than last year. Efforts are underway to try to rebuild enrollment numbers. Project books are being handed out. Jr. Fair Board meetings are taking place.

3-1-21: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021 and February 1, 2021. Motion carried.

3-2-21: Pickerrell moved, Bethel seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

3-3-21: Bethel moved, Nelson seconded to pay January 14 – 31, 2021 bills totaling \$11,094.60, February 1-28, 2021 bills totaling \$19,564.49, and March 1, 2021 bills totaling \$3,584.62. Motion carried.

3-4-21: Hurtt moved, Gray seconded to approve the renewal purchase of the following software, Quickbooks at \$75.00, Microsoft at \$100.00 and Norton at \$40.00. Motion carried.

3-5-21: Nelson moved, Prater seconded to approve Cosenza to apply for the PPP Grant Loan in the amount of \$11,115.00. Motion carried.

Cosenza met with Chris Davis, the Kenworth Plant Manager, Kenworth would like to rent the tunnel parking lot and another area to park new trucks thru July. They want to install a fence and add gravel to existing roads in tunnel parking lot.

3-6-21: Prater moved, Corcoran seconded to proceed with drawing up a contract with Kenworth for parking new trucks in the tunnel parking lot and the hay field at \$10,000.00 per month per area through July 2021. Motion carried.

3-7-21: Bethel moved, Prater seconded for Cosenza to sign a new MOA with Adena Health Care System. Motion carried.

A decision needs to be made concerning the Grant money that was received.

3-8-21: Prater moved, Hurtt seconded to accept First Capital Enterprises, Inc quote of \$12,694.00 for cleaning restrooms and buildings for the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-9-21: Bethel moved, Gray seconded to accept Brad's Johns quote of \$16,000.00 for emptying trash cans and \$20,000.00 for ground sanitation for the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-10-21: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to accept Mound Waste & Hauling quote of \$430.00 per dump of dumpsters for the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-11-21: Bethel moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to accept Higley Tents quote of \$8,720.00 to supply the tents for the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-12-21: Haubeil moved, Corcoran seconded to accept Navy Petty Officers Club quote of \$17,600.00 total for all gates and parking lots for the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-13-21: Free moved, Clever seconded to approve the 2021 Winter Storage rates. Motion carried.

3-14-21: Corcoran moved, Prater seconded to approve the 2020 IRS-990 to be submitted. Motion carried.

3-15-21: Corcoran moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to refund Ironside Social Riders their \$250.00 deposit for a rental, due to Covid. Motion carried.

Bethel reported that the new weed sprayer would be delivered the week of March 8th.

3-16-21: Haubeil Jr. moved, Haubeil seconded to approve payment of \$2,500.00 for the online 2021 Ross County Fair Book. Motion carried.

3-17-21: Corcoran moved, Chain seconded to accept Gator Jons quote of \$4,000.00 for providing the portable restrooms, hand washing stations and pumping the sewage of the 2021 Fair. Motion carried.

3-18-21: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to approve payment up to \$2,500.00 for repairs of broken electric line at the horse barn and JVS Building. Motion carried.

3-19-21: Hill moved, Prater seconded to accept payments for Jeep Fest 2021 sponsors and vendors. Motion carried.

Free reported that money from the sponsorships is starting to come in. Room for one more Grandstand sign may be needed.

Hill reported that the Union Township has received \$57,000.00 in grant money to be used to install auto flushes on the toilets at the fairgrounds.

3-20-21: Pickerrell moved, Hurtt seconded to approve RCAS to be the sponsor of the NBHA Show the first weekend of June 2021. Motion carried.

3-21-21: Corcoran moved, Nelson seconded to permit campers to retain their 2019 camping spot if they do not camp at the 2021 fair due to Covid. Motion failed.

3-22-21: Bethel moved, Chain seconded to go into executive session at 8:43 pm. Motion carried.

3-23-21: Hill moved, Corcoran seconded to come out of executive session at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

3-24-21: Pickerrell moved, Haubeil seconded to increase Karlton Wheeler's, Grounds Manager, salary by 2.5% annually, retroactive to December 1, 2020. Motion carried.

3-25-21: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to increase Nan Clary's, Treasurer, salary by 2.5% annually, retroactive to December 1, 2020. Nelson abstained. Motion carried.

3-26-21: Nelson moved, Free seconded to increase Mary Ludwick's, Secretary, salary by 2.5% annually, retroactive to December 1, 2020. Motion carried.

There will be a special meeting for RCAS on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Building.

3-27-21: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY