

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday March 4, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice President Steven Clever.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Chrisman, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr. and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Clever.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Christina Newberry, William Hopkins, Kathy Young, Roger Young, Katie Feldhues, Aaron Swepston, Betsy Moore and Chris Hooks.

Christina Newberry proposed a Poker Run with the proceeds going to veterans. The event would be in July with bands, vendors and camping. The Board asked if she could please come back to another meeting with the proposal in writing.

Clary left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Betsy Moore with the 4-H Endowment Committee wanted to inform the Board of a project to update the Plaza area of the fairgrounds. The project is planned to be completed by spring. They will be laying pavers with a large stone from the Erie Canal in the center. The mural will be redone by All Signs. The benches are being repainted. The 4-H committee will be helping with labor and financially.

3-1-19: Uhrig moved, Hill seconded to donate \$500.00 to the renovation of the Plaza. Motion carried.

4-H Report

Katie Feldhues report that the 4-H enrollments have been completed.

Cloverbud's enrollment is down by 40 members. The overall enrollment in 4-H is down. Lowe's has contacted the 4-H office wanting to be a stronger community supporter. Ross County Farm Bureau also wants to be a better partner with the Ross County 4-H.

3-2-19: Pickerrell moved, Whitten seconded to approve the February 4, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

3-3-19: Whitten moved, Free seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

3-4-19: Uhrig moved, Hurtt seconded to refund James Hines his refund for a cancelled event. Motion carried.

3-5-19: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to pay the February 2019 monthly bills of \$69,079.41 and March 1 – 4, 2019 bills of \$9,192.07. Motion carried.

The electric meter's contract expired in January 2019. The Utilities and Contract Committees will meet and come back with a recommendation on the contract.

3-6-19: Uhrig moved, Hurtt seconded to continue to support the 4-H program financially as last year. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report

The Board decided to pursue the Monster Truck Event for June 8, 2019. With the understanding that the Monster Truck event would have to supply the porta johns for the event. The Board also looked over the contracts for All-Win Electric and Chillicothe Trader Days.

Secretary's Report

The reservations for the District Meeting being held on April 7, 2019 were discussed. The tent order for the 2019 fair was passed around to the Board members.

Caretaker's Report

Wheeler informed the Board that there is a wedding and possible wrestling event on the weekend before the Easyrider Rodeo campers are allowed onto the grounds. The JVS Building walls have been repaired and painted from the water leak this past winter. Detillion's will be installing the gate in March that was previously approved by the Board. The wording on the winter storage for 2019-2020 year will be changed to say that the people will be contacted the week of March 15th, instead of March 15th.

Uhrig reported that most of the pages have been turned in for the 2019 fair book. Estimates are still being obtained for the publication of the fair book. Sponsorship packages have not been returned to Uhrig, they need to be sent out.

Cosenza has set up a back account with RCAS's tax ID# for the sole purpose of OFMA District 4's use.

3-7-19: Uhrig moved, Hill seconded to let OFMA District 4 to open a checking account with RCAS's tax ID#. Motion carried.

Hurttt reported that he will need information on the golf cart rentals and log on to 168tickets information so camping contracts can be mailed out.

Hill reported that the Bandstand schedule is completed. There is an opportunity to have a laser tag game for Saturday and Sunday at a discounted price, if there is room and we supply the labor.

Chain would like to adjust the entry time of the farm products to be the same as the flower entries. This would be the time of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

3-8-19: Prater moved, Hill seconded to accept the electrical contract with All-Win Electric LLC for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 fairs. Motion carried.

3-9-19: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to accept the hourly contract with All-Win Electric LLC. Motion carried.

3-10-19: Uhrig moved, Nelson seconded to accept the contract with Famous Auto Promotions, Inc for the Chillicothe Trader Days. Motion carried.

3-11-19: Uhrig moved, Whitten seconded to accept the quote from Chillicothe Tents for Events for \$7,445.00 for supplying tents for the 2019 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-12-19: Uhrig moved, Nelson seconded to accept the quote of \$4,000.00 from Gator's Jons for the camper pumping, portable restroom facilities and midfield/Grandstand pumping. Motion carried.

3-13-19: Uhrig moved, Hurtt seconded to accept the quote of \$16,000.00 from Brad's Johns for emptying trash cans and pick up and removal to dumpsters. Motion carried.

3-14-19: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to accept the Navy Petty Officers Club's quote of \$8,000.00 for gates 1, 2 and 3; \$2,000.00 to sell pit passes and admission tickets at the back gate of the race track and at the tunnel gate; \$3,000.00 to sell tickets at the main entrance of the Grandstand; \$2,500.00 for parking lots #1 and #2; \$945.00 to monitor the Camping exit; total of \$16,445.00. Motion carried.

3-15-19: Uhrig moved, Gearhart seconded to accept the quote of \$430.00 per dump of the 3 30-yard dumpsters from Scioto Farm Supply & Recycling. Motion carried.

3-16-19: Cosenza moved, Gearhart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS