

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bradford Cosenza.

Roll call revealed Cantrell, Chrisman, Corcoran, Duncan, and McNeal absent. All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Scott Chenault, Karen Chenault, Melody Walters, Chris Hooks, Joe Shuman, Bailey Lochbaum, Ashley Jones, Katie Feldhues

Bethel moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Clever moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 2017. Motion carried.

3-1-17: Clary moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

3-2-17: B. Pickerrell moved, Clever seconded for Cosenza to sign a one-year contract with Etix for online ticket sales. Motion carried.

4-H/Jr. Fair Report

\$18,000.00 in scholarships have been given this year. Fundraisers will be on Wednesdays at area restaurants. Check out the 4-H Facebook page.

President's Report

The contract has been sent to Swap Days for the April and October 2017 events. The agreement with Adena Health System regarding use of fairgrounds during an emergency situation has not been returned.

The Ohio Jeep Fest agreement has been received from our Attorney.

The Attorney has studied our by-laws and Constitution, and the Redbook, and has determined that Directors may sell membership tickets.

3-3-17: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded to have Cosenza sign the contract with Hamburg Fireworks for the fair. Motion carried.

3-4-17: Haubeil moved, Hurtt seconded to allow Ross County Litter & Recycling to hold an event on the fairgrounds June 16, 2017 for townships and June 17, 2017 for the public. Motion carried.

3-5-17: Whitten moved, Hill seconded to purchase an electronic sign from Wilson Signs for \$45,500.00. 50% is required down. Motion carried.

3-6-17: Gearhart moved, Hurtt seconded to have Cosenza send a letter to Carlen Jayme Cantrell removing her from the Board of Directors of the Ross County Agricultural Society due to her not residing in her township. Motion carried.

3-7-17: Hill moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to appoint Gerald "Guy" McCorkle to fill the vacancy as Director of Franklin Township. Motion carried.

3-8-17: Hurtt moved, Whitten seconded to spend \$1000.00 to build a room in the maintenance shop for Caretaker's office. Motion carried.

3-9-17: Clever moved, Hill seconded to spend \$1000.00 for a shade screen for the goat barn. Jr. Fair is donating \$1000.00 towards the project. Motion carried.

3-10-17: Prater moved, Hill seconded to repair the vendors' electric panels on the midway for \$1500.00. Motion carried.

3-11-17: Clever moved, Hill seconded to have the vendors in the Multipurpose building and the Commercial building pay all the fees for their booth before the fair begins. Motion carried.

Bandstand entertainment is complete. Grandstand entertainment has an opening on Wednesday. Clary is open to suggestions for Wednesday. Prater and Hill will contact OCU.

3-12-17: Clary moved, Hill seconded to have a special meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to tour the fairgrounds, decide where to place vendor camping, decide how to use the old campground area and cover fair business. Motion carried.

The Jeep Fest is progressing with sponsorships, donations and plans. March 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. will be a meet and greet with the organization. Cosenza will write the letters for the beer garden permits for Smash-It Demo Derby in May, the Jeep Fest in July and the Easyrider Rodeo in September.

3-13-17: Clary moved, Hill seconded to hire Rebecca Nichols to empty trash cans and pick up and removal of trash to dumpsters for \$11,000.00 for the 2017 fair. Motion carried.

3-14-17: Clever moved, Whitten seconded to hire Chillicothe Tents for Events for \$5595.00 (for the same tents as 2016) for the 2017 fair. Motion carried.

3-15-17: Clary moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to hire Brad's Johns for \$6875.00 for 90 porta johns, 10 handicapped porta johns, 10 hand washing stations, midfield pumping and camper pumping during the 2017 fair. Motion carried.

3-16-17: Hurtt moved, Prater seconded to hire Paul Pollard Productions for a three-year contract (2017-2019) for bandstand sound \$3300.00, grandstand sound \$700.00, PA sound system \$875.00 for a total of \$4875.00. Motion carried.

The OFMA Spring dinner will be held Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Washington Court House fairgrounds. Please give your reservation to Uhrig by March 25.

A group picture and individual pictures will be taken for the fairbook and website at our April 3rd meeting.

3-17-17: Clever moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY