

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted March 7, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Corcoran and Gearhart were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Kim Litter, Jackie Detillion, Chris Hooks, Sarah Lute, Kara Brown, Katie Wells, Braylee Burkitt, Avery Barker, and Bonnie Barker.

Hill was contacted by Robert Arthur concerning holding a Tough man contest the last Saturday of the fair. Hill has room for the event, it should pull 200 people to the event.

3-1-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Boggs seconded to approve for Smalltown Fitness to hold a Tough Man contest on Saturday, August 13, 2022, during the fair. Motion carried.

3-2-22: Clary moved, Boggs seconded to permit M.A.D.E. to set up tables inside the Grandstand during the Murphy Concert on August 8, 2022. Motion carried.

Hill left the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Jackie Detillion reported that the hog numbers are down, the chicken numbers are up, and 4-H enrollment has increased for this year.

Jr Fair Board members Sarah Lute and Kara Brown reported that there will be a fundraising competition during the fair “Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer”. They will receiving canned food donations and the fair that has the highest weight of food donated will win a prize, 1<sup>st</sup> place \$5,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$3,500.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,500.00.

Wells reported that all forms are now completed electronically. They have a monthly newsletter Hot Lines. There are 4 new superintendents, 2 in the chicken

barn and 2 in the sheep barn. The deadline for submitting a fair slogan is March 31, 2022.

Hooks reported that Ohio State Fair no longer prohibits the use of ractopamine in swine feed.

3-3-22: Bethel moved, Clifton seconded to eliminate rule #13 from the Jr. Fair Swine rules concerning ractopamine. Motion carried.

3-4-22: Whitten moved, Clever seconded to approve the February 7, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

3-5-22: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

3-6-22: Chain moved, Bethel seconded to approve payment of February 8-28, 2022, bills totaling \$53,907.24. Motion carried.

3-7-22: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to approve payment of March 1-7, 2022, bills totaling \$190,407.62. Motion carried.

3-8-22: Free moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to approve the payment of 2022 Jr Fair Awards Sponsored by the Ross County Sr Fair Board. Motion carried.

The 990 information has been sent to the accountant.

Reservations for the Spring OFMA District Meeting were taken.

Kissel Amusement contract was discussed. Triple Treats are phasing out of business and Kissel Amusement will be taking over. The Board had questions about the contract that had been sent. Prater will contact Kissel for clarification on weekly wristbands and cost of fuel surcharge.

Sheriff Lavender talked with Govern DeWine about opening the back entrance of the fairgrounds, this has been approved as a right turn in and right turn out only.

The lawyer has suggested that a decision needs to be made on the grand champion hog matter.

3-9-22: Clifton moved, Free seconded that there was a violation of rule #36 with the hog in question. Motion carried.

A 4-H exhibitor spoke to the Board requesting that there be some punishment for not following the rules. It would not be fair to the exhibitors that do follow the rules.

A discussion took place among the Directors on who should be banned. Should it be the exhibitor and the parent that signed the paperwork or the whole family.

Bonnie Barker, a 4-H parent addressed the Board stating in her opinion that 4-H is a family affair.

3-10-22: Boggs move, Clary seconded for a 3-year ban on the exhibitor and parent that signed the DUNS Report.  
Clary rescinded his second. The motion 3-10-22 failed due to a lack of a second.

Bethel suggested that cameras be placed in the barns.

3-11-22: Whitten moved, Chrisman seconded that the family will be banned from showing any animals at the Ross County Fair for 3-years. 15 affirmative votes, 2 opposed voted, Motion carried.

3-12-22: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to ban the family from any animal barn and show arena at the Ross County Fair for 3-years. 6 affirmative votes, 11 opposed votes, Motion failed.

3-13-22: Free moved, Boggs seconded to ban the family from the Swine barn and The Row of Champions for 3-years. 11 affirmative votes, 6 opposed votes, Motion carried.

A letter will be sent to the family to state this course of action.

Brad Silcott spoke with the Board on issues from the 2021 fair concerning trash pickup. He asked that the food vendors not load the trash bags so heavy. Also, if a problem occurred, he asked if Chrisman would back him up. Silcott suggested that the location of the dumpsters be moved away from the harness racing.

#### Caretakers Report

The water will be turned on in the campgrounds on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Wheeler would like to purchase the oil needed for oil changes in the equipment by the drum.

3-14-22: Haubeil moved, Whitten seconded to purchase a 55 gallon of oil, cart, and pump for the drum. Motion carried.

3-15-22: Gray moved, Free seconded to pay Dan Wells \$2,500.00 for the printing of the fair book. Motion carried.

3-16-22: Free moved, Prater seconded to pay the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FCCAL, and Schools \$30.00 directly for their booths at the fair. Motion carried.

Free reported that the new gliders have been delivered and the plaques for the gliders will be made by Sports Plus. The flags on the wall in the Grandstand and goat barn need to be repaired.

Clary had spoken with Brian Miller, and he would like to know if it snows the night before the Miller Swap Meet that he would have help with the snow removal.

The Ross County Fire & Rescue would like to be supplied with 2 golf carts during the fair. Bethel will check on this request.

Adena Health Systems are considering replacing the roof on the Bandstand for \$50,000.00.

3-17-22: Free moved, Whitten seconded to pay \$1,091.00 to Detillion Landscaping to remove old flowers and dirt, plant new flowers and mulch around the Bandstand. Motion carried.

3-18-22: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to have a PO # for electric repairs in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion carried.

3-19-22: Clary moved, Bethel seconded to purchase a backup transformer for the price of \$11,000.00. Motion carried.

Free reported that all daily and Grandstand sponsors have been sold. Ohio Health will be donating \$500.00 for shavings for the Show Arena.

Gray needs to have the fair book pages completed and returned to her.

Clifton reported that people have asked him if the scales could be replaced at the Swine Barn.

Haubeil has located the clay needed for the racetrack, it will cost approximately \$15,000.00.

Nelson is still working on setting up the campspot.com program.

3-20-22: Clary moved, Chain seconded not to charge the camping customer the \$2.00 charge on campspot.com. Motion carried.

3-21-22: Bethel moved, Clary seconded to accept Gator Jons quote of \$4,000.00 for the service of portable restroom facilities, camper pumping, and midfield/grandstand pumping for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-22-22: Bethel moved, Clary seconded to accept Scioto Farm Supply's quote of \$450.00 per dump and supply 5 30-yard dumpsters for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-23-22: Bethel moved, Clary seconded to accept Brad's Septic's quote of \$16,000.00 for the service of emptying trash cans and removal to dumpsters for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-24-22: Bethel moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept Higley Tents Rental's quote of \$8,260.00 for the service of renting and setting up tents for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-25-22: Gray moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept First Capital Enterprise's quote of \$14,120.00 for the service of restrooms and building sanitation for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-26-22: Boggs moved, Nelson seconded to accept Brad's Septic's quote of \$20,000.00 for the service of grounds sanitation for the 2022 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

3-27-22: Bethel moved, Free seconded to charge the customer the same percentage when paying with a credit card as was charged in 2021. Motion carried.

3-28-22: Bethel moved, Chain seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY