

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted May 2, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Corcoran, Gearhart, Hill, McCorkle, and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Meredith Robinson, Gabe Lynch, Evan Ater, Mason Horsley, Sarah McGraw, Ashleigh Hupp, Ellie Doles, Sally Timmons, Ruth Beery, Nora Beery, Chris Bruynis, Chris Hooks, Katie Wells, and Kenton Richter.

A debate team from Zane Trace High School FFA presented their project to the Senior Fair Board to fulfill a requirement of the project “Beef consolidation and lack of processing”. The group did a wonderful job.

Chris Bruynis reported that the goat superintendents would like for the County Bred & Born Goat winners to move higher in the sale order, but the Sale Committee is opposed to this plan. The issue is trying to be resolved.

Sally Timmons reported for 4-H that they are having a good turnout for 4-H Camp. So far there are approximately 50 senior 4-H exhibitors signed up for the signs to be hung in the barns.

Evan Ater reported from Jr. Fair Board that they are working on Jr Fair Night at the fair. Meredith Robinson requested that 4 Senior Fair Board members volunteer to participate in the Out House race during Jr Fair Night to boost the crowd interaction. Nelson has agreed and 3 more SFB members are needed. Tag ins will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.

5-1-22: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to approve the April 4, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

5-2-22: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.  
Motion carried.

The guidelines set on the ARPA money received are not clear, JL Uhrig has been hired to oversee the guidelines and preparing the reports for the grant.

5-3-22: Clever moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve payment of April 5-30, 2022, bills totaling \$188,365.53. Motion carried.

5-4-22: Clever moved, Elliott seconded to approve payment of May 1-2, 2022, bills totaling \$8,660.82. Motion carried.

5-5-22: Gray moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve the Planning Budget for fiscal year 2023. Motion carried.

Ludwick reported that the revised Red Book has not been released. The Weekly Schedule for fair week was passed around for approval.

5-6-22: Prater moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to approve the rental of a Boca printer for comp tickets and fair week. Motion carried.

5-7-22: Clever moved, Prater seconded to pay Jaluv Hoop \$15.00 per post/change that is made to the electronic sign. Motion carried.

**June and July RCAS meeting dates have been changed they will be held Monday June 6, Tuesday June 21, Tuesday July 5 , and Tuesday July 19, all starting at 6:00 pm.**

5-8-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Prater seconded to approve \$2,500.00 more to upgrade campsites from 30-amp to 50-amp service. Motion carried.

5-9-22: Haubeil moved, Elliott seconded to approve \$1,200.00 to repair security lights in general parking area. Motion carried.

5-10-22: Haubeil moved, Clary seconded to comp campsite #433 to Dave Slaven for the 2022 fair to compensate for mechanical work his has preformed on RCAS equipment. Motion carried.

Haubeil will be pricing concrete for the new rabbit barn.

Clifton reported the new scales for the swine barn are on hold due to the company more than doubling the quoted price. He is also working on contracts for the Commercial Building during the fair.

Clever reported that the cost of blacktop has doubled and needs to know what needs done.

Clary would like to increase the budget on the fireworks to \$7,000.00 due to having more sponsors. Swango will be working on repairs to the Grandstand sound system. Fourteen concrete barriers are needed to be purchased for the Grandstand events for approximately \$1,350.00, Tim Clark will reimburse RCAS for the barriers. The antique tractor and truck pull on the Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> will have 5 classes. Thursday's Autocross will be run on an oval track.

A discussion took place on the need to have the sound system on the fairgrounds be repaired correctly and be universally throughout the grounds so there is not a need to repair yearly.

5-11-22: Clifton moved, Free seconded to have the Saturday August 6, 2022, grandstand event free to the public. Motion carried.

Nelson is still sending invoices out for camping.

Free reported that Adena Health Systems donated \$2,000.00 for the MADE concert on Monday of the fair. Anyone who holds a MADE membership card will gain free entry into the fair on Monday August 8, 2022, and the concert is free for all.

Free has sold 9 new racetrack signs and LNCB is Saturday August 6, 2022, daily sponsor.

Gray is waiting for Wells to complete the fair book so the final proof can be done.

5-12-22: Pickerrell moved, Prater seconded to approve 1000 comp tickets for The Ross County Library to give away for Bookworm participants that finish the program. Motion carried.

5-13-22: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to approve the dates of August 5 – 12, 2023 for the 2023 Ross County Fair dates. Motion carried.

Gator Jon is under new management. A quote for the fair will need to be sent from the new owners.

5-14-22: Clever mover, Pickerrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY