

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday May 4, 2020 electronically due to the COVID 19 Pandemic per the approval of Am. Sub. H.B. 197 by the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Clever at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Chain, Chrisman, Clary, Clever, Corcoran, Cosenza, Elliott, Free, Gearhart, Gray, Haubeil, Hill, Hurtt, McCorkle, Pickerrell, Nan Clary and Ludwick were present and Bethel, Boggs, Haubeil Jr. and Whitten were absent.

Guests – Sally Bluck, Chris Hooks, Jay Morgan, Karlton Wheeler, Katie Feldhues, Angie Lauchbaum, Teresa Lucas.

Feldhues spoke on options of having Jr Fair livestock shows. Cosenza reported that Governor DeWine is putting together a committee to work on ways to have a fair or partial fair. Feldhues is sending a document to the 4-H families on how tag ins and weigh ins will be handled. She has asked permission to hold rabbit weigh ins, ear tattoos and chick pickups at the show arena in June. The quality assurance will be held thru the end of May virtually. The 4-H camp will be held virtually also.

Ludwick will consult PEP Insurance on liability of having the weigh ins at the fairgrounds.

5-1-20: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to approve the April 6, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

5-2-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

5-3-20: Prater moved, Elliott seconded to pay the remainder of April 6-30, 2020 bills totaling \$22,122.71 and May 1-4, 2020 bills totaling \$7,879.09. Motion carried.

5-4-20: Gray moved, Cosenza seconded to approve the 2021 Planning Budget. Motion carried.

Concerns of financial liability on contracts that have already been signed for the fair entertainment were discussed. Clary has spoken with the grandstand entertainment and he said all is good with his contracts. Hill said that the

Confederate Railroad contract has not been paid yet and the Sweet Tea Trio and Nashville Crush contracts have been paid a deposit, which can be transferred to the 2021 fair if needed.

### Secretary Report

5-5-20: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to opt out of the Livestock Exhibition Optional rules of 901-19-31, 901-19-32, 901-19-34, and 901-19-35 for the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

5-6-20: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to renew the PEP Liability Insurance and pay the annual premium of \$21,712.00. Motion carried.

5-7-20: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to apply for the 2020 PEP+ Grant program for \$1,000.00 to upgrade the PA system on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

We will try to have the Directors petitions signed before the June meeting. We still have not heard back from Mr. Burton at CCI concerning the sewage dumping during the fair. It was suggested that Ludwick contact Jane McAfee in the Business Administration Department.

### Caretaker Report

The fish sale and plug pick up will still take place on May 18, 2020.

ChillitownMX will be having a race on June 12-14, 2020.

Nancy Wiley has asked for a refund of grad party planned at the fairgrounds.

The airstream camping group have cancelled their reservations.

Smash It has rescheduled for June 19-21, 2020. The June calendar is full.

The pickup is running good after the repairs. The tractor has been repaired.

5-8-20: Cosenza moved, Gray seconded to refund Nancy Wiley's deposit on her rental. Motion carried.

Hurtt questioned if camping was going to happen this year at the fair, Clever suggested to wait until the June meeting to decide.

Cosenza suggested to update the PSA on our website to let the public know that we still do not know what capacity the fair and camping will be this year.

Cosenza informed the Board that OFMA will be conducting the spring district meeting virtually, and that ODA has furloughed all ride inspectors in the state.

Feldhues would like a committee to be organized to discuss ideas and options for the fair.

Gray reported that Dan Wells feels uncomfortable asking businesses and individuals to purchase ads for the fair book. The cost of putting together an online version of the fair book will be \$2,500.00. This will take approximately two weeks to complete. The public will be able to print off entry forms and rules and regulations. We would be able to print copies for ODA and OFMA from the online version.

5-9-20: Clary moved, Prater seconded to approve \$2,500.00 payment to Dan Wells to begin working on the online version of the fair book. Motion carried.

An email blast will run on The Chillicothe Chambers of Commerce website letting the businesses, groups, and individuals that they could still purchase advertising in the 2020 fair book.

The decision on hiring summer help will be made at the June meeting.

5-10-20: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER  
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK  
SECRETARY RCAS