

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday May 6, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Corcoran, Hurtt, McCorkle, Uhrig and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bethel.

Guests – Kim Litter, Loran McGuire, Josh Walters, Madison Schumacher, Jay Vanhooose, Kelley Vanhooose, Jim Wirth, Tessie Lucas, Chris Hooks and Karlton Wheeler.

Loran McGuire and Josh Walters from CSC Cleaning Supplies Co introduced themselves and would like to do business with the Fair Board.

Jay and Kelley Vanhooose wanted to discuss the online enrollment of the 4-H participants. There was a mistake on what project that their son was taking. This was not realized until after the deadline. They were not allowed to change. They thought that there should be an appeal process. This is a 4-H matter and the Board couldn't help with this matter.

Hurtt arrived at 7:23 pm.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report/

Madison Schumacher wanted to thank the Sr. Fair Board for allowing her to start the Livestock Judging Team. The deadline for joining the judging team will be the week of the May 13, 2019. There are two age divisions, 8 – 13 and 14 – 18. There have been over forty 4-H participants sign up so far.

Kim Litter and Tessie Lucas reported that the livestock check ins are going well.

Jim Wirth asked about the CCW policy on the fairgrounds. There are no signs on this issue posted on the buildings. Mr. Wirth said he will give the Board Members stickers to attend the Chillicothe Trade Days.

The Board would like to post no gun signs in the livestock barns during the fair.

5-1-19: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the April 1, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

5-2-19: Pickerrell moved, Hurtt seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

5-3-19: Free moved, Pickerrell seconded to pay April bills of \$23,243.90 and May 1 – 6, 2019 bills of \$80,137.01. Motion carried.

5-4-19: Boggs moved, Hill seconded to submit the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

5-5-19: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to refund the following overpayments of \$310.00 to Kyle Deal, \$260.00 to Brenda Shoemaker and \$15.00 to Kim Oiler. Motion carried.

5-6-19: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to reimburse Wells Livestock Services for any fair book advertisement receipts made payable to RCAS that should've been sent directly to him. Motion carried.

5-7-19: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to have at least one of the signatures on checks to be a Board Member. Motion carried.

5-8-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to approve the payment of bills that are due and payable before the next meeting date, all checks paid will be approved by the board at their next regular meeting. Motion carried.

5-9-19: Gray moved, Boggs seconded to approve the purchase of two external backup hard drives for the secretary and treasurer. Motion carried.

The state audit has been released.

The Contract and Utilities Committees will meet on May 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss the contract with the power company and the contract with the Easyrider Rodeo.

President's Report

Dr. Tharp will not be able to cover the on-call vet for the fair this year. Pickerrell will be contacting a vet for the job.

Secretary's Report

The tent order and the Weekly Schedule were reviewed by the Board.

5-10-19: Prater moved, Clary seconded to approve Cindy Uhrig to borrow the infrared camera. Motion carried.

5-11-19: Gray moved, Nelson seconded to approve the fair office to be used by Dr. Forshey for vet training and for the Board to provide snacks. Motion carried.

5-12-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to hire part-time help from Elite Staffing for the week of July 8 – 13, 2019 and for July 30, 2019 thru August 10, 2019. Motion carried.

5-13-19: Hurtt moved, Free seconded to purchase one defibrillator for \$1,119.00. Motion carried.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that all invoices from 2018 livestock sale have been paid.

Haubeil Jr. received a \$2,000.00 check from Ross Chillicothe Convention Visitor Bureau for advertisement of the Jeep Fest. Quality Inn will be donating rooms again this year.

5-14-19: Prater moved, Chain seconded to purchase gravel for the area where the Southeastern Booth was. Motion carried.

The insurance inspector suggested that the pads behind the 40 & 8 be repaired to prevent a trip hazard. The maintenance on the mid-way should be finished this week. Seven poles are being set for Swango for speakers.

5-15-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to install a removable chain link fence on the loading dock for \$2,029.00. Motion carried.

5-16-19: Hill moved, Prater seconded to send a certified letter to the 40 & 8 stating that the repairs that need to be address per our insurance Risk Control Specialist, a response is needed by June 3, 2019. The option of buying the building for \$5,000.00 will be offered. Motion carried.

5-17-19: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to lease a Ferris lawn mower from Southern Ohio Equipment Co for two years for approximately \$350.00 per month. Motion carried. Hill abstained.

5-18-19: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded to pay \$144.00 to finish paying Swango for the estimated job of \$8,500.00 and to pay \$950.00 for the week of the 2019 fair. Motion carried.

5-19-19: Haubeil moved, Chrisman seconded to have Swango repair the PA System in the campgrounds. Motion carried.

Nelson reported that all her contracts have been sent out for the Commercial Building and doing it with 168tickets she was done in 30 minutes. The goat participants have requested more pens.

Gray reported that Co Alliance would like to be a sponsor for the fair. Adena's Healthy Kids event will not be held at the 2019 fair due to lack of attendance.

Hurtt reported that 125 to 150 campers have requested to change campsites. All is going well.

Pickerrell reported that material is being put on the racetrack. One hundred tons of sand will be needed for the NBHA show.

Caretaker's Report

Jim Wirth's worker has brought his camper onto the fairgrounds early, if camper is hooked up to electric, they will have to pay for the service.

A customer had rented the JVS Building for a Sunday, requested the keys on Saturday, was informed that this would cost more, they cancelled two days before event, and requested a refund. Policy is no refunds.

Wheeler would like to change cleaners to an all-purpose cleaner, having to buy just one product instead of multiple products.

5-20-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to increase Brandon Allison's weekly hours to 39 per week beginning April 29, 2019. Motion carried.

5-21-19: Hill moved, Chain seconded to hire Simon Dempsey and Jessie Baxter on May 27, 2019 for \$10.00 per hour for seasonal workers. Motion carried.

5-22-19: Chrisman moved, Chain seconded to purchase a beer permit and \$5,000.00 of beer for Jeep Fest. Motion carried.

5-23-19: Free moved, Hurtt seconded to approve extra meeting dates as Tuesday, June 18, 2019 and Monday, July 22, 2019. Motion carried.

5-24-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

