

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted November 1, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:00 pm.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, and Elliott were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Katie Wells, Chris Hooks, and Brian Nelson.

Notary, Peggy Gray, swore in new Director Mathew Clifton, elected from Deerfield Township for a 1-year term.

Election of Officers

11-1-21: Clary moved, Hill seconded to nominate Steven Clever as Vice President. Prater moved, Hill seconded to close nomination for Vice President. Steven Clever was elected as Vice President by acclamation. McCorkle moved, Chrisman seconded to nominate Brad Cosenza as President. Clary moved, Hill seconded to close the nominations. Brad Cosenza was elected as President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Sheriff Lavender brought to the Board concerns of the Easyrider Rodeo. There were issues in 2019 with the Outlaws motorcycle gang and again in 2021. There was a gang fight between three different gang members that was barely stopped. The security that Easyrider provided was not much help in this matter. Sheriff Lavender had drone footage of this that he shared with the Board. Sheriff Lavender stated that whichever way the Board decided that he would no longer put his deputies in danger as being the security at the fairgrounds during the Easyrider Rodeo. A guest, that did not give his name, argued that there was not any trouble during the Rodeo. Clary said that there are too many damages done to the property and grounds.

Wells presented multiple pages of rule changes to the Board at the beginning of the meeting. It was suggested that large amounts of data that needs to be

discussed and voted on should be sent earlier to the Board, so they have time to read the material. These changes are being tabled until the next meeting.

Hooks reported that all checks that invoices have been paid have been sent out. There are still 30 buyers that have not paid. The Sales Committee can cover the remaining checks.

11-2-21: Corcoran moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to approve the October 4, 2021, Minutes. Motion carried.

11-3-21: Pickerrell moved, Hill seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

11-4-21: McCorkle moved, Corcoran seconded to approve payment of October 5-31, 2021, bills totaling \$70,000.34 and November 1, 2021, bills totaling \$34,539.95. Motion carried.

At the beginning of October 2021, the 990 was returned by IRS due to it having to be filed electronically. It has been filed electronically. The Jr Fair Report is finished. The 2022 proposed planning budget was discussed.

11-5-21: Hill moved, Free seconded to accept the proposed planning budget for 2022. Motion carried.

11-6-21: Hill moved, Clever seconded to hire Corky Que to caterer the Christmas Party for the price of \$11.50 per person and start the party at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

11-7-21: Clever moved, Hill seconded to apply for a loan at the Kingston National Band for approximately \$160,000.00 for completion of new Rabbit Barn. Motion carried.

11-8-21: Haubeil Jr. moved, Chrisman seconded to accept Scott Plessinger proposal of adding 3 acres to the motocross track for an additional \$1,000.00 fee per race and permitting him to change the existing track. Motion carried.

Cosenza has applied for a grant for 1.5 million to install broad band for the buildings on the grounds. Hopefully RCAS will receive \$750,000.00.

Caretaker Report

The water has been turned off on the grounds. A discussion on the need of purchasing a trailer to move equipment was held, it was decided that this was not needed. The pickup truck is having mechanical problems.

Free reported that Adena Health Systems has decided to spend \$3,000.00 for trees and gliders in the Bandstand Area.

Haubeil reported that the pad is completed for the new Rabbit Barn.

11-9-21: Haubeil moved, McCorkle seconded to approve a \$10,000.00 draw for more groundwork for the Rabbit Barn. Motion carried.

Nelson would like to use campspot.com program for online fair camping. We would like to bundle the purchases to reduce the service charges. The campsites need to be measured and checked whether 30 or 50 amp on each site.

11-10-21: Nelson moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve the use of the campspot.com program for fair camping. Motion carried.

Pickerrell presented the plans for the covered Jr Fair Horse Arena. The cost of this project would be approximately 1.6 million. Free is working with Pickerrell on getting sponsors for the project. So far, she has promises of 1 million with more contacts to speak with.

Investigators have spoken with Cosenza and Wells concerning the issue with the Grand Champion Hog at the 2021 fair. ODA has zero tolerance in these matters.

11-11-21: McCorkle moved, Free seconded to not offer the Easyriders Rodeo a contract to hold their event at the Ross County Fairgrounds. Motion carried, 15 Agree, 2 Opposed.

11-12-21: Hill moved, Prater seconded to approve the expenses for Directors and Secretary and Treasure attending the OFMA Convention as follows, staying 3 nights - \$250.00, staying 2 nights - \$170.00, staying 1 night - \$85.00. Motion carried.

11-13-21: Gray moved, Chrisman seconded to approve paying for the Jr. Fair Board attending the OFMA Convention \$10.00 per person for their lunch. Motion carried.

11-14-21: Gray moved, Whitten seconded to propose a change to the RCAS Constitution concerning the start time of the regular meetings. Motion carried.

11-15-21: Gray moved, Prater seconded to extend the Treasurer and Secretary contracts for 30 days. Motion carried.

If you are planning on playing bingo at the Christmas party, don't forget to bring a \$10.00 gift for each person playing bingo.

11-16-21: Hill moved, Whitten seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

