

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on October 3, 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 that Chrisman, Clary, Clifton, and McCorkle were absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Jackie Detillion, Noah Kemper, Kelley VanHoose, Lisa Barr, Cindy Powell, Joe Sharp, Alyssa Ison, Julie Oats, Ryan Kline, Katie Wells, and Jim Wirth.

Joe Sharp and Cindy Powell with the Lyons Club permanent food booth had questions about the future of their booth with the talk of new construction of the Commercial Building. The Board assured them that this would not affect the location of their food booth.

10-1-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Prater seconded to refund Alyssa Ison her deposit of \$250.00 that she had paid for the Multipurpose Building. Motion carried.

10-2-22: Hill moved, Free seconded to donate the blacksmith articles to the Jr Civic League Christmas Tree Gala. Motion carried.

The Horse Arena Subcommittee has the information ready to be added to the RCAS website. They showed a sample of the flyer that they want to circulate throughout the community. Their next meeting will be October 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Paint & Grill.

10-3-22: Bethel moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve their flyers, starting a Face Book page, to send out a press release on how to make a donation, and to submit grants for the new Horse Arena. Motion carried.

Jackie Detillion with the 4-H Halloween Campout they would be paying RCAS \$4,010.00 from the camping and admission during the event, and asked for the weekend of September 29, 2023, for next year's campout.

10-4-22: Clever moved, Prater seconded to approve September 29,30, October 1, 2023, for the 4-H Halloween Campout. Motion carried.

Wells reported that Ryan Kline will be taking over the 4-H Halloween Campout. They have 34 new Jr Fair Board members, 21 JFB took a trip to Coshocton. Livestock meetings are being held, there will be a meeting on Wednesday October 19, 2022, on policies. The Chillicothe City Council are still debating the city livestock rules. Wells has been researching this issue, as it affects several 4-H families. She is asking that as many as possible SFB members attend the City Council meeting as either herself or Ryan Kline will not be able to attend, they will be at an out-of-town conference. The meeting is October 10, 2022.

10-5-22: Whitten moved, Gray seconded to accept September 6, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

10-6-22: Corcoran moved, Elliott seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

10-7-22: Bethel moved, Chain seconded to pay September 7-30, 2022, bills totaling \$88,993.15 and to pay October 1-3, 2022, bills totaling \$16,630.31. Motion carried.

Ludwick will contact Bell Farms and Big Fat Italian Catering for quotes for the Christmas Party, Clifton will be contacting the Santa from last year, the party is December 5, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

The water tap located at 585 Fairgrounds Road is now in RCAS name.

10-8-22: Nelson moved, Pickerrell seconded to submit the Fair Funds Request form. Motion carried.

10-9-22: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to approve purchase of a 2014 Ford Diesel Super Duty F-250 SRW XL pickup for \$26,625.50. Motion carried.

10-10-22: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to increase All Win Electric's hourly wage from \$42.00 to \$50.00 per hour. Motion carried.

10-11-22: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to approve to increase Smash-It's contract by 10% to \$33,000.00 for each of the next 3 years, and charge \$30.00 per night for camping after the first 400 campers.

Jim Wirth with Chillicothe Trade Days thanked the Board and Wheeler for all the help. Wirth stated that the event is growing.

10-12-22: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to increase the Chillicothe Trade Days contract for the next three years as \$15,000.00 for each event in 2023, \$17,500.00 for each event in 2024, \$20,000.00 for each event in 2025 and charge \$30.00 per night for each camper on the grounds outside of the contract time. Motion carried.

10-13-22: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded that all contracts should state all Senior Fair Board members and their associate gains access to all events at no charge. Motion carried.

Wheeler reported that the ticket booths need to be rebuilt over the winter.

10-14-22: Prater moved, Haubeil seconded to approve Wheeler to rebuild the ticket booths. Motion carried.

Free reported that the architects should be completed with their proposals soon.

Haubeil Jr needs volunteers from the Board to work at the Halloween Campout. There are 276 campers registered for the weekend so far.

10-15-22: Hill moved, Clever seconded to approve \$5,000.00 to install 4 shut off valves to the water lines on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

10-16-22: Haubeil Jr moved, Hill seconded to approve \$1,700.00 to have Detillion Fence Company install an entrance gate. Motion carried.

Clever reported that to upgrade two rows of camping with electric and water the cost will be \$177,356.00.

Haubeil reported to certify 600 campsites, the estimated cost will be \$100,000.00.

10-17-22: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to install 6 sewage dump stations on the fairgrounds once RCAS is permitted. Motion carried.

Gray asked if anyone had any changes or knew of any errors in the fair book. She also would like for the Home Arts roof to be painted before the next fair.

10-18-22: Free moved, Hill seconded to approve purchase of 8 benches for the grounds at \$446.00 each. Motion carried.

10-19-22: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to approve to increase the cost of a golf cart permit during the fair to \$75.00. Motion carried.

10-20-22: Hill moved, Free seconded to nominate Chris Kline for Outstanding Fair Supported. Motion carried.

10-21-22: Bethel moved, Prater seconded that Nan Clary will become Assistant Treasurer effective immediately at the pay rate of \$1,000.00 per month until November 30, 2022. Motion carried.

There will be a Planning/Budget meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6pm.

10-22-22: Gray moved, Prater seconded to purchase 3 tables at \$100.00 per table for Friday night Showcase of Talent at OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

10-23-22: Gray moved, Free seconded to purchase 1 table at \$100.00 for Saturday night Extravaganza at OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

10-24-22: Prater moved, Gray seconded to approve payment of the Ross County Fair Queen's room and entry fee for the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

10-25-22: Gray moved, Elliott seconded to approve payment of expenses for Directors, for 3 days \$250.00, 2 days \$170.00, 1 day \$85.00. Motion carried.

10-26-22: Gray moved, Free seconded to approve payment of \$10.00 per Jr Fair Board for lunch at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

10-27-22: Whitten moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY