

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted September 14, 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, Clary, Corcoran, Gearhart, Hill, McCorkle, and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Mathew Clifton, Katie Wells, Chris Hooks, Chris (from Sunrush Construction), Gary Cochenour, and Janet Prickett.

Chris from Sunrush Construction presented an updated quote for the new Rabbit Barn. The quote had increased by \$49,432.00 from 2019 due to the cost of the steel. The Rabbit superintendents were not pleased with the size of the building. The project is on hold till the next meeting.

9-1-21: Prater moved, Free seconded to provide a complimentary weekly wristband to all 4-H Advisors for the week of the fair. Motion carried.

Janet Prickett reported that they are working within the local schools to recruit 4-H members.

9-2-21: Clever moved, Elliott seconded to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

9-3-21: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to pay August 3-31, 2021, bills totaling \$611,468.53, and pay September 1-14, 2021, bills totaling \$143,667.01. Motion carried.

The Kingston National Bank has sent a notice that the PPP loan has been forgiven. The Easyrider Rodeo has made payments totaling \$61,784.00, but we have not received a report on attendants.

A check for \$9,875.00 was received from the Off-Road Buckeye Expo event.

9-4-21: Pickerrell moved, Chain seconded to accept August 2 & 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

The Spring Awakening event will not be returning in 2022.

The Grand Champion hog has been scheduled for butchering. Documents have been requested from the Extension office by the inspector concerning the Grand Champion hog.

9-5-21: Chrisman moved, Pickerrell seconded to purchase a new cell phone and upgrade the cell phone plan for Wheeler. Motion carried.

Fedex will be renting parking space in the vendor camping area for the same price as last year, \$400.00 per month for three months.

The office carpet and wall panels in the MPB need to be cleaned. There are two water valves at the motocross track area that needs to be replaced. Lumber and water sealant needs to be purchased for the hay wagons and barricades.

9-6-21: Prater moved, Pickerrell seconded to purchase lumber and sealant for the hay wagons and barricades. Motion carried.

9-7-21: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to compensate Wheeler with a \$750.00 bonus. Motion carried.

Nelson reported that the Camping Committee had a meeting with Campspot.com, a camping software company. Another meeting will take place on Wednesday September 22, 2021, at the Courthouse at 5:00pm. Hopefully all the camping can be done online.

Haubeil will need 400 cu yards of clay for the track.

Free had talked with Roger Crago and the Grange would prefer that the sign at the old Grange not use the Grange name with Bell Farms. Adena would like to purchase trees and gliders for the Bandstand area. An American flag needs to be at the Grandstand, Wells offered that 4-H would purchase the flag. Ohio Health wants to donate money to the fairgrounds. A level of donation needs to be established.

Sheriff Lavender said that this was the last year that the Sheriff Department would be working the Easyrider Rodeo. There was a problem with gangs and one gang was escorted off the grounds.

9-8-21: Free moved, to allow the Generals Baseball Club to rent the MPB to hold bingo on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Free rescinded her motion.

9-9-21: Prater moved, Pickerrell seconded to send the application for 2021 Ohio Fairs Fund Money. Motion carried.

9-10-21: Pickerrell moved, Free seconded to pay for hotel and meals for the Directors attending and the Ross County Fair Queen. Motion carried.

9-11-21: Haubeil moved, Pickerrell seconded to have Free appointed Delegate and Chrisman Alternate Delegate for the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

9-12-21: Gray moved, Clever seconded to nominate Philip Hurtt for Ohio Fairs Hall of Fame Award. Motion carried.

9-13-21: Elliott moved, Free seconded to nominate Gary Prater for Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

The Fall Planning Meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on October 4, 2021, one hour before the regular monthly meeting.

The 4-H Halloween Campout wristbands will be in the office.

9-14-21: Clever moved, Chain seconded to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

