

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on September 6, 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 Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Clary, Corcoran, Haubeil Jr., Hill, Pickerrell, and Prater were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Tina Browder, Todd Timmons, Lisa Bair, Tom McWhort, Chris Hooks, Katie Wells, Larry Zonner, and Kelley VanHoose.

Todd Timmons with the Ross County Board of DD (Pioneer School) would like permission to hold another Pony Camp June 19-23, 2023. This year's camp was a great success.

9-1-22: Elliott moved, Nelson seconded to permit the Pioneer School to hold their Pony Camp June 19-23, 2023. Motion carried.

Larry Zonner with the Steer Show informed the Board that due to lack of help that the Fall Steer and Heifer Classic show will be cancelled. He presented a donation to RCAS from their 2022 spring show.

Lisa Bair with the Horse Arena Committee asked permission to add a link on RCAS website for information on donations to the project.

9-2-22: McCorkle moved, Gearhart seconded to approve the Horse Arena Committee to have a link added to RCAS's website. Motion carried.

Kelley VanHoose was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

9-3-22: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to approve Wells to use the MPB on October 19, 2022, at 5:30 pm for a superintendent meeting. Motion carried.

Wells has been conducting a 4-H survey, this will be shared with other counties, there have been 135 people complete the survey, it will close on September 7th. The 4-H Halloween Campout registration numbers are up from last year, two wristbands for each Senior Fair Board member will be dropped off at the fair office the Wednesday before the campout.

Hooks reported that all invoices have been mailed. The sales were approximately \$600,000.00 and add-ons were approximately \$300,000.00. The checks for the exhibitors should be mailed the last Saturday of September.

9-4-22: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve August 1, 2022, Minutes. Motion carried.

9-5-22: Free moved, Chain seconded to approve August 8, 2022, Minutes. Motion carried.

9-6-22: Gearhart moved, Chain seconded to approve August 22, 2022, Minutes. Motion carried.

9-7-22: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

9-8-22: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the payment of August 2-31, 2022, bills totaling \$613,237.32. Motion carried.

9-9-22: McCorkle moved, Gearhart seconded to approve the payment of September 1-6, 2022, bills totaling \$25,522.09. Motion carried.

Several outside vendors have not paid their fair invoices. There are forty outstanding checks that were sent for fair services.

9-10-22: Elliott moved, Gray seconded to nominate Lee Whitten for the 2022 Hall of Fame Award. Motion carried.

Cindy Powell from the Lyons Club called with concerns of the future of their permanent food booth, whether they would lose their spot when the new commercial building was built. All were rumors.

The Smash-It and Trade Days contracts are close to being completed.

9-11-22: Whitten moved, McCorkle seconded to hire Dillion Vollmar as of August 15, 2022, at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

9-12-22: Chain moved, McCorkle seconded to approve Wheeler to purchase lunch for the Alba House workers. Motion carried.

9-13-22: Haubeil moved, Whitten seconded to approve payment of \$300.00 to Bob Malone for putting up the trash cans after the fair. Motion carried.

New trash cans need to be purchased before the 2023 fair. Wheeler has four water shut off valves that need to be installed on the grounds, Jeremy Forcum has given an estimate of \$1,675.00 per valve.

Free is waiting on proposals for the new commercial building. She spoke with the Cinnamon Roll booth at another fair and they are interested in setting up at the 2023 fair.

Nelson reported that the Campspot.com program will be open for the Halloween Campout registration.

Clever would like to start planning for either paving or chip and seal of Brutus Road.

9-14-22: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to purchase two loads of gravel for the racetrack. Motion carried.

Haubeil will have a detail of the campground improvement to become certified in time for the annual budget. The midway needs more lighting.

The supplies to upgrade two rows in the campground needs to be ordered.

Cosenza asked for volunteers to work on the planning of the upgrade to the website, Cosenza, Hoop, Ludwick, and Haubeil Jr. will be on the committee.

9-15-22: Clifton moved, Clever seconded to approve a pay adjustment of \$750.00 for Wheeler. Motion carried.

9-16-22: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY