

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held April 6, 2026, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Rd., Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Corcoran, Haubeil Jr., Hill, Wetzel, and Wheeler were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Tom McWhorter, Bill Speakman, Chris Riddle, Terressa Reep, Kacey Kruger, Logan Kennard, and Ethan Queen.

Kenneth Elwood Benner was sworn in as a Director for Paint Township for a one-year term by Notary Lisa Hill.

Terressa Reep asked if the Fair Board could help spread the word of the events that the Nathaniel Massie Daughters of the American Revolution are planning to celebrate the 250th year of the Declaration of Independence. The Board will be giving them a spot in the Multipurpose Building fair week, post on the Ross County Ag Society's website, and the electronic sign.

Ethan Queen with Jr Fair Board reported that they are learning on how to assist in the spring tagins.

Kennard – Reported on new and changing superintendents.

4-1-26: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to have Matt Holland as a superintendent in the Beef Barn. Motion carried.

Mike Slopko will be an interim superintendent in the Swine Barn.
Quality Assurance will be April 7-14-23-29, 2026. Turkey pickup will be April 16th.
The Livestock Judging Team will be competing in Coshocton.

Kruger – The pork checks were mailed to the wrong address. The Cattleman Club would like a new sign, they are to bring a design and price quote to the next meeting for approval. Kruger is working with Gray on updating the Sales Committee pages of the fair book.

4-2-26: Kemper moved, Boggs seconded to approve the March Minutes. Motion carried.

4-3-26: Haubeil moved, Kemper seconded to approve payment of \$55,053.70 for February bills. Motion carried.

4-4-26: Gray moved, Hopkins seconded to approve the February Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

4-5-26: Boggs moved, Chain seconded to approve the March Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

4-6-26: Kemper moved, Benner seconded to approve payment of \$90,414.48 for March bills. Motion carried.

A discussion took place over the person renting the Vegetable Building. It appears that they are working on the boats that are being stored for the winter on the grounds. This is not permitted. Situations like this needs to be brought to the attention of the Board. All Directors should be aware what is happening on the grounds.

4-7-26: Boggs moved, Chain seconded to approve payment of \$2,325.00 for the yearly recertification of the campgrounds. Motion carried.

4-8-26: Boggs moved, Benner seconded to sign a three-year contract with Fair.com. Motion carried.

4-9-26: Clever moved, Benner seconded to approve spending up to \$200.00 for the donation item for the OFMA District Meeting. Motion carried.

The contract with Scott Plessinger has been completed.

4-10-26: Boggs moved, Kemper seconded to purchase one laptop for the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Gray reported that the pages that can be retyped in Word are being done. We received an email from last years printing company with a bill of \$6,500.00 that has been confirmed that RCAS is not responsible for. Gray also wanted to know if the Board wanted to do anything for the 250th anniversary.

Free reported that the sale of sponsors and fair book ads are going great, \$2,000.00 for building sponsors during the fair.

Nelson reported all going great, and 143 golf cart permits have been purchased.

4-11-26: Roll moved, Clary seconded to comp Tom McWhorter and Kacey Kruger their campsites for the fair. Motion carried.

Haubeil reported in order for United Propane to fill the propane filling station they will need proof of insurance and a copy of the certification to be able to fill tanks.

4-12-26: Boggs moved, Clifton seconded to accept Dustin Everhart's quote for parking attendant during the fair for \$5,000.00 and one golf cart. Motion carried.

4-13-26: Boggs moved, Clever seconded to pick the following slogan for the 2026 Fair, "Traditions Memories & Fun are in the Mix at the Ross County Fair 2026" by the Spirit Gang 4-H Club. Motion carried.

4-14-26: Boggs moved, Clever seconded to leave the process of handing out admission wristbands for the Antique Tractor displays the same. Motion carried.

4-15-26: Clifton moved, Roll seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

4-16-26: Clary moved, Roll seconded to go back into Regular Session at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

4-17-26: Chain moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY