

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held April 7, 2025, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Clever at 6:06 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Clifton, Cosenza, Elliott, Haubeil Jr., Hill, and VanHoose were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Cosenza arrived at 6:10 pm.

Guests – Kathie Rapp, Matt Weisenberger, Candice Carpenter, William Hopkins, Lora Hopkins, Jim Bryan, Brad DePugh, Kacey Shaffer, Tom McWhorter, Dustin Everhart, Roger Geise, Bill Speakman, Sally Bluck, Ethan Queen, Kathryn Rapp, Megan Jean, Janet Prickett, Duston Cottrill, Wayne Grigsby, and Will Borland.

Wayne Grigsby asked if the Senior Fair Board had a preference on recognition for different levels of sponsorships. The Board asked him to present an idea of options.

Megan Jean, Jim Bryan from Zane Trace School and Roger Geise representing the Lyons Club, asked if the rental rate increase on the permanent food booths that was implemented two years ago could be reconsidered. Their argument is that all profit goes to either the community or back into the school for scholarships. With the price increase of all supplies they are not making any money. The Board tried to explain this was the first increase that has taken place in many years, and all of our expenses have increased also. The Senior Fair Board also gives back to the community and to all kids in Ross County that are exhibitors at the fair. Ross County is only 1 of 2 fairs that provide a weekly wristband free of charge. Cosenza suggested if having help from their school was a problem maybe they could work out a deal with the other county schools to each work a day in the booth. Megan will present the net profit of the booth at the next meeting.

William Hopkins asked if the Grandstand could be locked arounds 3:00 pm so the ticket takers will not have to clear the stands before the evening events during the fair. Corcoran will work with him on this.

Candice Carpenter from the Ross County Children's Services has reserved the Multipurpose Building for backup for their outside event in case of bad weather,

her question was will she have to pay the fee if they do not use the building. The Board will not charge her.

Karl Gearhart asked if they could have a Venmo account under RCAS, they cannot, it is not legal.

Dustin Everhart will monitor the parking lots 8-12 hours per day. It was suggested that there be signage that cars parking illegally will be towed at the owner's expense.

4-1-25: Corcoran moved, Free seconded to hire Dustin Everhart for parking lot attendants during the fair for \$4,800.00. Motion carried.

Logan Kennard introduced himself, today is his first day on the job as the 4-H educator along with Ryan Kline. He is from Illinois. Kline discussed the procedure of premiums for exhibitors during the fair.

4-2-25: Clever moved, Gray seconded to cap the premiums to three per exhibitor. Motion carried.

4-3-25: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to give premiums to the top five places in showmanship.

4-4-25: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to rescind motion 4-3-25. Motion carried.

Kacey Shaffer presented the contract for Drew Williams for 2025 Livestock Sale. The next Sale Committee meeting will be April 10th at 6:30 pm.

4-5-25: Corcoran moved, Prater seconded to approve signing the contract for American Realty & Auction. Motion carried.

4-6-25: Kemper moved, Wetzel seconded to approve March 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

4-7-25: Boggs moved, Chain seconded to approve March Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

4-8-25: Wetzel moved, Kemper seconded to approve payment of March 4-31, 2025 bills totaling \$164,019.97. Motion carried.

4-9-25: Kemper moved, Haubeil seconded to approve payment of April 1-7, 2025 bills totaling \$10,097.02. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on why 3 water meters have a minimum payment of approximately \$647.00 each month, because they have a 2" line.

4-10-25: Corcoran moved, Boggs seconded to purchase 10,000 individual comp tickets for the fair from Printex for \$1,760.00. Motion carried.

The insurance renewal was discussed and Cosenza will talk to our agent on finding a less expensive policy.

Free was asked if she could find someone to sponsor the comp tickets.

4-11-25: Gray moved, Haubeil seconded to hire Jarrod DePugh to design and print the 2025 fair book for \$2,500.00 plus \$14,000.00 to print 4,000 copies. Motion carried.

Free sold another bench. Sports Plus will be donating the trophy for the School Bus Derby.

Boggs is ordering the booth curtains.

4-12-25: Haubeil moved, Boggs seconded to pay BJ Gates \$900.00 for the Saturday Truck and Tractor Pulls for ticket taking at the Grandstands. Motion carried.

4-13-25: Boggs moved, Kemper seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

