

The Special Meeting (10days after the fair) of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, August 24, 2026, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:00pm.

Roll Call revealed Corcoran, Kemper, Wetzel, and Wheeler were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ludwick.

Guests – Karl Gearhart, Ryan Kline, Kacey Kruger, Tom McWhorter, Jennifer Cochran, and Karen Cydrus.

Karen Cydrus, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, reported that there were 29 departments, 29 judges. They had 492 exhibitors, 197 premiums handed out, 32 premiums returned to Treasurer. Charlotte Routt was named Homemaker of the Year. Glenda Cornett was named Vice President and Susan Hixon was named Secretary.

Karl Gearhart, the dumpsters were good and will send the invoice soon. The Calf Scramble had no issues.

Kacey Kruger stated that they will need to purchase weigh slips before next year. She was asked to have Printex quote the printing of the weigh slips. There were 51 beef, 176 hogs, 75 sheep, 138 goats, 24 breeding goats, 31 turkeys, 232 chickens, 942 rabbits.

Tom McWhorter asked if the chairs for buyers could be replaced before next year.

Ryan Kline said there was a total of 2096 animals on the grounds, up by 85 animals from 2025. All DUNFS, 1355 were sent and have been corrected. He would like to clarify some rules of exhibitors consistently have underweight animals. Clarify where there are thought to be rules and they have never been approved and written down. The rule of who needs to be present when administering medication and the consequences of what happens if rule is broken. He will work on these rules and present to the Board soon.

S8-1-26: Hill moved, Free seconded to permit Kelly Malone to use Karlton Wheeler's Multipurpose rental on September 6, 2026, and the evening before as long as it is not rented for her Granddaughter's wedding reception for \$50.00. Motion carried.

The gentleman that has rented the Vegetable Building for the past 4 years contacted Cosenza and requested that he still be allowed to rent as in the past. He used the building as a work shop and had trickle chargers on all the batteries. The Board would rent the building for storage only no electric and no work shop.

Free – Thanked all for the hard work getting ready for the fair. Mary Harp has asked that the wood on the back of the Plaza be replaced. The show arena has a leak in the sky light.

Chain – There were 633 entries in the Fruit & Vegetable Building, 140 premiums paid, the Judge was paid \$175.00, the total expenses were \$1,176.00. The biggest complaint from the public was that they had to pay admission to the fair in order to bring in their entries.

Gray – The bathrooms were not very clean this year and hooks need to be installed on the bathroom doors. Cosenza asked that she put in a work request by going to ross.gofmx.com.

Bethel – He requested that the Board go over all contracts to make them as uniform as best that they can be. The signs that are put on golf carts, Fair Board, Maintenance, Support & Logistics, need to be limited, too many are being used that have not been approved.

Cosenza – Sheriff has complained that there are too many golf carts, too young of drivers. They suggested a curfew on driving golf carts.

Gray – The buildings are supposed to be open 9am – 9pm. The MPB vendors were leaving at 8 – 8:30. We need to have uniform closings.

Bethel – On the midway trash, he suggests that they bag all the trash and then drive the midway and pick up the trash, having the vehicle on the midway the least amount of time possible.

Bair's Concession donated money in Karlton Wheeler's name.
Endsley Concessions donated \$500.00 in Karlton Wheeler's name.

S8-2-26: Haubeil Jr moved, Roll seconded to pay Danny Moore and Zach Houser \$500.00 each for their work at the Grandstand during fair. Motion carried.

S8-3-26: Roll moved, Elliott seconded to pay Riley Elliott \$500.00 for her help on the fairgrounds before and during the fair. Motion carried.

Bethel – Thanked everyone for returning the golf carts early to the office Saturday night. Vendors have paid deposits totaling \$19,000.00 for the 2027 fair.

Bodary – Would like to see the updated Sheriff's report concerning her son's girlfriend getting hit and dragged by a golf cart. Would like to know what consequences for that person concerning next year during the fair.

The handicap signs need to be updated.

The phones in the Speed Barn and EMT Building will be permanently disconnected due to lack of use.

S8-4-26: Clary moved, Benner seconded to approve purchase of a battery jump pack for approximately \$375.00. Motion carried.

Clever received a check from John Crowe for \$11,000.00 for purchase of eleven school buses.

Haubeil suggested during events to have the electric turned off at the campsites and once a site has been paid, turn the electric on.

A sign for non-fair camping stating you can only camp on sites that have a large red dot on the campsite number sign is needed.

S8-5-26: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

