

The Annual Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held December 8, 2025, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Clifton, Corcoran, Kemper, Wetzel, and Wheeler were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Alyssa Brooks, Jade Berry, Brailee Hauswirth, Logan Kennard, Karl Gearhart, and Kacey Kruger.

Jade Berry, from Adena Health presented to the Board about having a 5k Run for cancer survivors to raise money for the Adena Health Foundation's Cancer Fund, tentative date of June 13, 2026. The run will take place in the campgrounds, use of the Multipurpose Building for registration and speakers, there will be a few food trucks, and a car show. That is the same date of the Kenworth Truck Parade, the Board asked if she could change date to June 20, 2026. She will try to change date and get back with the Board.

Karl Gearhart – Calf weigh-in went well, one calf was light and needed to be worked with. Dustin Cottrill bought the calf that had problems from the calf scramble, it is doing well.

Brailee Hauswirth asked for permission to hold Ag Days on May 7 or 8, 2026, this is Chillicothe Trader Days event. They will have to choose a different date.

Kacey Kruger – The Texas training for ShoWorks went great. She met with other fairs that use the program for Senior Fair shows that will work great for us.

12-1-25: Clever moved, Free seconded to purchase ear tags for the 2026 fair for approximately \$1,400.00. Motion carried.

12-2-25: Haubeil Jr. moved, Roll seconded to purchase totes for storage for each species for approximately \$200.00. Motion carried.

12-3-25: VanHoose moved, Hill seconded to purchase the Sales Committee dinner on December 11, 2025. Motion carried.

Logan Kennard – Jr Fair Board’s overnight at Canters Cave went well. The first Quality Assurance will be on December 30th. Practice will be starting soon for the Livestock Judging Team. What was decided for the Rabbits and Poultry on the rule of what constitutes a completed project if the animal dies before the sale?

12-4-25: Hill moved, Haubeil seconded to make an exemption for fair 2026 only for Rabbits and Poultry; if the exhibitor has participated in Showmanship and the animal dies before the Market Show they will be eligible for the Jr Livestock Sale. Motion carried.

Clever – The rule needs to be clarified on the Family Animal rule.

12-5-25: Clever moved, VanHoose seconded that the Family Animal can be shown by anyone in the family as their second animal. Motion carried.

12-6-25: Hill moved, Free seconded to approve the November 3, 2025, minutes. Motion carried.

12-7-25: Hill moved, Clary seconded to accept the meeting dates for 2026. Motion carried.

Jenny Nelson will be the Delegate and Bo Clary the Alternate Delegate for the 2026 OFMA Annual Meeting at the Convention.

Cosenza asked the Committees to please discuss what prices can be raised and how to go about the change. There should be a planning meeting.

Hill will be taking the Corn Cob wood carving for the OFMA Auction item to the convention.

12-8-25: Free moved, Haubeil seconded to approve a budget of \$50,000.00 for the Bandstand/Ground entertainment. Motion carried.

12-9-25: Hill moved, Elliott seconded to approve a budget of \$80,000.00 for the Grandstand entertainment. Motion carried.

Entertainment for the Grandstand: 1st Saturday – Antique Tractor Pull,
Sunday – Harness Racing, King & Queen Contest Monday – Moto Cross
Tuesday – Jr Fair Night Wednesday – Open Thursday – School Bus Derby
Friday – Auto Cross Saturday – Demo Derby

12-10-25: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to approve the Treasurer Report for September, October, and November. Motion carried.

12-11-25: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the payment of October bills totaling \$74,198.35 and November bills totaling \$61,234.23. Motion carried.

12-12-25: Hill moved, Clary seconded to permit Haubeil Jr to book up to \$4,000.00 of entertainment for the 2026 Halloween Campout at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

6 Porta Johns need to be picked up until the campground reopens in the spring.

Gray would like the fair book pages to be started.

Nelson asked if the campgrounds are open year-round, if so, she will block off the events when camping is not open to the public.

Hill – Lease is up on mowers. Does the Board want a new lease or buy out? He was asked to produce the costs.

Smash It will be having a one-day event September 19, 2026 and would like to have it at the fairgrounds.

12-13-25: Clever moved, Gray seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

