

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held March 2, 2026, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Clever, Corcoran, Gray, Kemper, Wetzel, Guthrie, and K. Wheeler were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guest – Diane Hughes, Brett Wilder, Dray Stewart, Karl Gearhart, Dustin Cottrill, Will Minshall, Tom McWhorter, Kacey Kruger, Ryan Varnex, Robert Leach, Bill Marsh, Tim Clark, Tim Clark Jr., Nicole Pickerrell, Erin Allsop, and Scott Plessinger.

Nicole Pickerrell and Erin Allsop asked for permission to hold a Big Bother Big Sister School field day at the Fairgrounds, all attending will have signed a permission slip. BBBS have liability insurance.

3-1-26: Haubeil Jr moved, Roll seconded to permit BBBSSCO to hold their field day in the Bandstand area on May 4, 2026, set up before, event 9:30 – 1:30, clean up after, should be completed by 4 pm at no charge. Motion carried.

Plessinger announced the motocross race dates for 2026, April 24-26, July 9-12, September 5-6, and October 17-18.

Boggs arrived at 6:23 pm.

Tim Clark with Smash-It needs a contract for the one-day event on October 24, 2026. He would like the school buses on site earlier, for the school bus derby, if possible. He wants to negotiate the terms of the three-year contract for the Smash-It Derby held on Memorial weekend, if not he only wants to sign a one-year contract. Haubeil will work on the contract.

Kruger – The application for three wands for reading animal tags has been sent. They need to pay for eight weigh master license fees at \$30.00 each.

3-2-26: Hill moved, Clary seconded to approve payment of \$240.00 for weigh master license fees. Motion carried.

Jr Fairboard is currently working on Jr Fair Night preparations.

Kennard – We have new superintendents that need to be approved.

3-3-26: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to approve the following new superintendents Thomas Hitchcock, Dirk Dempsey, Dan Eldridge, and Bruce Beery changed from Swine to Rabbits. Motion carried.

There were 30 people that attended the goat clinic and the sheep clinic will be Thursday, March 18, 2026

3-4-26: Hill moved, Haubeil seconded the approval of the February 2, 2026 Minutes. Motion carried.

The Chillicothe Trade Days will be held May 8-10 & October 2-4, 2026.

A discussion on whether an entry fee should be charged for the Senior Fair entries in the buildings took place. This issue was tabled until the April meeting.

Wheeler needs three larger trash cans; this is in his budget to purchase.

Free – Sponsorships selling is going great. She has started selling the Fair Book ads. Greenfield Schools would like to donate two flat nose buses for the school bus derby.

Nelson – Wants confirmation that the only thing raising on the camping is extra days?

Hill – The breeding rabbits will show on Sunday and then go home, this will free up 100 pens. The mower prices for two mowers, \$1,150.00 per month to lease, or \$32,000.00 to purchase.

3-5-26: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to lease two Farris Mowers at approximately \$1,150 per month for 2 years. Motion carried. Hill abstained.

3-6-26: Bethel moved, Nelson seconded to appoint Kenneth Elwood Benner to fill the Paint Township Director position. Motion carried.

3-7-26: Haubeil Jr. moved, Bethel seconded to approve the following Grandstand ticket prices; Motocross \$10.00 for all tickets, Circus \$5.00 for all tickets. Motion carried.

Nelson – Weekly admission wristbands for campers will stay the same price for 2026, will make public the increase of weekly wristbands in July for 2027 fair.

Elliott – The estimate for the PA system and cameras in the barns is \$792,351.30.

3-8-26: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to approve an additional \$6,000.00 to finish construction on the Multipurpose Building addition. Motion carried.

3-9-26: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded to accept the 2026 Working Budget. Motion carried.

3-10-26: Bethel moved, Free seconded to accept the following quotes for contract workers for the 2026 fair:

Ticket takers – BJ's Gate Solutions - \$28,025.00

Building & Restroom Sanitation – Tradesmen - \$13,000.00

Empty Trash Cans – Tradesmen - \$21,000.00

Grounds Sanitation – Tradesmen - \$22,000.00

Dumpsters – Scioto Valley Dumpsters - \$450.00 per dump

Septic Pumping – A-1 Septic Pumping - \$35,100.00

Tents – Higley Tents - \$10,365.00

Motion carried.

Have the parking quotes deadline extended.

3-11-26: Bethel moved, Clary seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

