

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, May 4, 2026, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll Call revealed Corcoran, and Wetzel were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Weston Stevens, Rebecca Hardesty, Kacey Kruger, Jeanne Jenkins, Katrina Robinson, and Karl Gearhart.

Weston Stevens asked permission to take pictures during the livestock shows in the ring.

5-1-26: Haubeil Jr. moved, Free seconded to permit Weston Stevens to take pictures during the livestock show in the ring. Motion carried.

4-H Report – They are getting the animals weighed and tagged.

5-2-26: Kemper moved, Clary seconded to approve the April 6th minutes. Motion carried.

5-3-26: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

5-4-26: Clever moved, Benner seconded to approve payment of April 1-30, 2026 bills totaling \$69,455.70. Motion carried.

5-5-26: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to approve payment of May 1-5, 2026 bills totaling \$26,775.28. Motion carried.

Richard Wheeler asked the Board members storing their campers in the Horse Barn if they would please take them out so the school buses could be stored.

Haubeil is working on getting Richard Wheeler licensed to fill propane on site.

Gray is finalizing the fair book. She has spoken with Jarrod about the past due bill from last year's publishing company, his company owes the bill and is handling the situation.

Free has ten sponsors for the fireworks display. She has sponsors totaling \$7,000.00 for the Vegetable, Home Arts, Antique, and Flower buildings.

Hill asked if the Fireworks were still at \$5,000.00. A discussion took place on percentage of sponsors and their free items that they receive when sponsoring at the fair.

Nelson is still collecting money and contracts. They will be working on the move list starting next week. The camper stickers are in the shape of a horse head. They will need startup money next week for change.

Bethel has an estimate for the fence around the Vendor camping, \$2,898.00.

5-6-26: Chain moved, Benner seconded to approve having the fence built around the Vendor Camping for approximately \$2,900.00. Motion carried.

5-7-26: Bethel moved, Kemper seconded to opt out of the ODA Rules. Motion carried.

Boggs is contacting the curtain company for the booth's curtains.

Free will be asking DOR for bunting at the announcer's booth and for flags. She will be contacting the 4-H Clubs to see if they will sponsor large flower pots.

Free has been in contact with Caleb Arms, he wants to have a large car show with cars from movies and much more next year on Labor Day Weekend. Free showed him around the grounds and he would like a price.

5-8-26: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded to rent the grounds with 300 campsites to Caleb Arms for car show Labor Day Weekend, 2027, setup on Thursday and clean up on Monday. 14 Affirmative, 4 Opposed, Motion carried.

Richard Wheeler said BBBS left trash bags on the grounds after their event.

Gray suggested that even if we don't charge a rental fee for an event that we should think about charging a deposit for cleanup, this will be discussed at a later date.

5-9-26: Kemper moved, Bethel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY