

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held May 5, 2025, 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 Haubeil Jr., Hill, Kemper, and Wetzel were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – David Zeigler, Andrew Wood, Kacey Shaffer, and Heather Giles.

Andy Woods & David Zeigler, the Rabbit Superintendents asked if shade cloth could be put up on the east side of the Small Animal Show Arena. This will be addressed.

5-1-25: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve having the Buyers Packets put together. Motion carried.

The show bill for Beef will come out early on Friday. The Sales Committee would like to eliminate Keeps during the Livestock Sale, in doing so the need for multiple trucks during sales, no need to find farms to house the animals until butcher appointments.

5-2-25: VanHoose moved, Clever seconded to eliminate Keeps in the Jr Fair Market Animal Livestock Sale. Motion carried.

5-3-25: VanHoose moved, Nelson seconded to approve the April 7, 2025 Minutes. Motion carried.

5-4-25: Bethel moved, Clifton seconded to approve payment of April 7-30, 2025 bills totaling \$172,972.42. Motion carried.

5-5-25: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to approve April Treasurer Report.
Motion carried.

5-6-25: Free mover, Prater seconded to approve payment of May 1-5, 2025 bills totaling \$17,809.21. Motion carried.

Ticket request forms were passed out, due back at June meeting.

Elliott reported that the Sale Arena and barns are 95% done, starting on the Horse barn next week. The extra electric at the Goat Barn has been completed, the big fans are installed.

Bethel is full on the concessions. He would like to know the cost of sponsoring Farm to Fork from Jr Fair so it can pay them.

5-7-25: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded not to reduce the permanent food booth rent. Motion carried.

VanHoose – the Commercial Building rentals are going well. The Golf Barn will be sponsoring the Golfcart Contest and Parade.

Prater has sold his concession trailers.

Free – Sponsorship money is stilling coming in, there has been \$10,000.00 raised for the School Bus Derby, \$1,000.00 per bus.

Gray – Need the corrected fair book pages turned in.

5-8-25: Boggs moved, Haubeil seconded to renew the PEP Insurance for 2025.
Motion carried.

Bethel – Golf carts have been ordered for the fair, same amount as last year.

5-9-25: Chain moved, Bethel seconded to opt out of ODA optional rules # 901-19-31, 901-19-32, & 901-19-35. Motion carried.

5-10-25: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to permit ODA to hold their annual Vet Training Meetings, this year the training will be held on May 29, 2025, @ 6 pm. Motion carried.

Free would like to have more bleachers added to the Sale Arena in the Show Arena. This will be looked into.

Keith Chain thanked the Board for the flowers and the use of the building when Carolyn passed away.

Andy Wettersten spoke on the invoice from Swango. The remains of the Grant for installing Wi-Fi to the Midway and Buildings will be used to install a box on each electric pole in one row of camping as a test to see if the wi-fi will work during the fair. The Commissioners have approved using the rest of the grant money for this. A 110 electric outlet will have to be installed on the electric pole also.

5-11-25: Prater moved, Boggs seconded to put Wi-Fi in one row in the campground this year using the remains of the grant money. Motion carried.

5-12-25: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORT COSENZA

MARY LUDWICK

RCAS PRESIDENT

RCAS SECRETARY