The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 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, Corcoran, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., Hopkins, Kemper, and Wetzel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Kacey Kruger.

Kruger – Beth Williams is sending emails after mid-night on September 9, 2026 to all exhibitors that participated in the Jr Livestock Sale. This will let them know who purchased their projects and who put add-ons on their projects.

9-1-26: Clever moved, Gray seconded to approve August 3 & 24, 2026, Minutes. Motion carried.

9-2-26: Clever moved, Hill seconded to accept the August Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

9-3-26: Clever moved, Chain seconded to pay August 1-31, 2026, bills totaling $116,575.68. Motion carried.

9-4-26: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to pay for the Ross County Fair Queen's hotel reservation for January 6 & 7, 2026 for OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

The updated contract for Chillicothe Trade Days has been sent to Jim Wirth for his signature.

Clary brought the insurance policy which is purchases through the Harness Racing, concerning the accident from 2 years ago. Cosenza will send the policy to the insurance company.

The Board went over the Winter Storage contract and decided to add a provision stating no electric is to be used and no access to the stored item.

Wheeler – The bleachers need to be moved from the Sales Arena before winter storage begins. A discussion took place about the bleachers should not be moved twice every year. A decision was not made. He also wanted to know if the Board had decided if JR Tucker could store his boats in the Vegetable Building, he will have to abide by the rules and not work on his boats while in storage, no trickle charge battery chargers.

9-5-26: Hill moved, Elliott seconded to nominate Bradford Cosenza for OFMA Hall of Fame. Motion carried.

9-6-26: Hill moved, Clary seconded to nominate Karlton Wheeler for ODA Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

9-7-26: Hill moved, Clever seconded to submit the Fair Request Date as August 8-14, 2027. Motion carried.

Free – She will be meeting with two new protentional sponsors in the upcoming week, Sun Belt Rental and Bridgeport.

Clary – A car had to be towed out of General Parking.

Roll – He will be talking with Mitch Preston on Buckeye Propane handling all of the propane on the fairgrounds.

Clever – There are two superintendents at the Beef Barn that need to be let go, and a possible third.

9-8-26: Clever moved, Roll seconded to ask Colton Seymour and Makenzie Howard to step down as superintendents at the Beef Barn due to lack of involvement. Motion carried.

Elliott – He asked if anyone knows how to winterize the campground. He asked if he could hire Jeremy Forcum and Scott Chenault to help with this.

The grant for the new PA system is $400,000.00 and the estimate is $789,000.00. Elliott will be meeting with the Commissioners and asking for their help.

Jenny Nelson told the Board that she will be stepping down as Director effective immediately. She will help with whoever takes over camping to get started.

9-9-26: Clever moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY