

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Clever at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call revealed the Bethel, Boggs, Clifton, Cosenza, and Kemper were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Guests – Kacey Kruger, Tom McWhorter, Dave Zeigler, Andrew Wood, Anna Brooks, Logan Kennard, and Chris Corcoran.

Zeigler and Wood – Rabbit Barn Superintendents reported that the rabbits are out growing their barn. Brooks – Poultry Superintendent reported that the poultry was at maxed capacity this year. They would like to be able to put an addition on the barn. Wood suggested that the breeding rabbits not be penned, show and then take the projects back home. They thanked the Board for the shade cloth, it helped greatly. Haubeil would like for this to be discussed at the Budget meeting.

Kennard – He will be meeting with the Barn Superintendents on any changes they would like for next year. The Halloween Campout is being worked on. They have Farm Science Review tickets on sale at their office. The people involved in the Farm to Fork class are not happy with the meat processor that was used this year.

Kruger – They are working on the Buyer's Dinner it will be held September 30, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Building. Exhibitor's checks will be handed out October 1-2, 2025 from 1pm – 7pm, in the Auctioneer Office in the Sale Arena. If an exhibitor cannot be there in person, they need to write a note of who will be picking up their check. Kruger would like to attend a ShoWork Training to be held in Huston, Texas. The auctioneer has been struggling with finishing with all the add-ons, they will have to hire extra help for next year.

9-1-25: Elliott moved, Roll seconded to send Kacey Kruger to Huston, Tx November 12-13, 2025 for training on the ShoWorks program and pay all expenses when receipts are turned into the Treasurer. Motion carried.

McWhorter – The beef scales have been repaired and certified to 1600 pounds. He needs rat poison for the barn area.

9-2-25: Hill moved, Chain seconded to approve the August 18, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

9-3-25: Haubeil moved, Elliott seconded to approve the August Treasurer report. Motion carried.

9-4-25: VanHoose moved, Chain seconded to approve the payment of August 1-31, 2025 bills totaling \$654,615.77. Motion carried.

Directors need to turn in their OFMA reservation form at the October meeting.

9-5-25: Haubeil Jr. moved, Hill seconded to pay Bob Malone \$300.00 to put the trash cans into storage. Motion carried.

Haubeil – Estimate for repairing lighting in the Home Arts Building, \$11,800.00. This will be postponed until next year, before the fair.

9-6-25: Hill moved, VanHoose seconded to proceed in updating the electric and water on two rows in the campgrounds for the amount of \$124,887.00 and the addition to the Multipurpose Building for storage for the amount of \$26,200.00. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. – Halloween Campout update, BJ Gate Solutions will be working the gate during the day and Sheila Devilbliss the evenings. Bub Campbell will be handling the trash pickup.

9-7-25: Hill moved, Elliott seconded to nominate David Clary for ODA Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

9-8-25: Haubeil Jr. moved, Clary seconded to nominate Gary Prater for OFMA Hall of Fame Award. Motion carried.

9-9-25: Hill moved, Chain seconded to submit 2026 Fair dates August 8-15, 2026. Motion carried.

9-10-25: Gray moved, Free seconded to submit the Fair Funds Request Form.
Motion carried.

9-11-25: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
VICE PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY