

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Chrisman, Haubeil Jr., and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Chris Hooks, and Mathew Clifton.

Mathew Clifton introduces himself and will be running for the vacant Deerfield Township position.

Andy Wettersten from First Capital Technologies brought the Board up to date on the progress of updating the computers for the use with 168 tickets and reliable Wi-Fi at the ticket booths.

S7-1-21: Boggs moved, Clary seconded to hire First Capital Technologies on a retainer as the IT support for RCAS at \$18,500 per year, the first-year charge will be \$16,500, RCAS has already paid for services this year in the amount of approximately \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Hooks reported that the buyer packets have been mailed.

The Board thanked Wheeler for the nice BBQ that he had at the meeting.

Treasurer Comments

The lawyer's office has not responded on the legal percentage that we can charge on credit card sales. For this year the charges are going to be the same as in the past.

All the receipts have not been turned in for Jeep Fest, a full report will come when finished.

S7-2-21: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to replace the VIP seats at the Grandstand with black folding chairs for approximately \$1,400.00. Motion carried.

Caretakers Report

Wheeler said that Kenworth is using the fairgrounds dumpsters. He is to tell them that they are not allowed to do this.

S7-3-21: Corcoran moved, Haubeil seconded to accept and sign the Navy Petit Officers Club's contract for \$500.00 more than was originally submitted due to the situation of the parking. Motion carried.

Secretary Report

The quote for the Grandstand repairs is needed it must be sent to PEP for the \$1,000.00 grant, Elliott is to prepare the quote.

Nelson asked the Board why our fair office is open from 9am – 9pm daily during the fair. Ludwick is not to work more than 8 hours a day in the office. Directors may be on call for answering questions when Ludwick is not working.

President Report

The new bucket truck is on the fairgrounds and working well.

The parking has been worked out.

Ro Hurtt still has 75 campsites empty, moving campers has stopped. Hurtt and the camping committee will be working gate 2 for early campers to collect money. A campsite that was paid for online was missed and Phil Hurtt rented the same campsite to someone that was wanting to move, the person that was moved is wanting more compensation for not receiving the campsite that they were moved to, the moving fee was waived and still wanting more. The Board said no more compensation.

Michelle Pollock would like to move, her campsite is nothing but mud because of the motocross race, she will be temporarily moved at no charge.

Boggs has one vendor spot open in the MPB.

Free reported that Adena Health System would like to donate more golf carts to shuttle the public from the parking lots. No more golf carts are available, maybe

they could supply drivers from their valet drivers to run the golf carts in the evenings.

S7-4-21: Prater moved, Gray seconded to pay \$3,464.39 to the Chillicothe Gazette for advertising before and during the fair. Motion carried.

S7-5-21: Whitten moved, Corcoran seconded to pay WVNU Radio Station \$800.00 for advertising of the fair. Motion carried.

The Unioto food booth has been demolished.
Makala Weaver is still wanting to have a misting station at the fair.

Nelson still has openings in the Commercial Building. New numbers are needed for the outside booths. The question of the Pioneer School booth that they have not used for years was asked, information on this will be researched.

The Open Poultry Show contact information was incorrectly published in the fair book, the address on where to send the entry fee was wrong.

S7-6-21: Prater moved, Whitten seconded to waive the entry fee on the Open Poultry Show for the 2021 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

The Veterans Day was printed incorrectly as Thursday, August 8, 2021, and Liv Grabill, the Bandstand entertainment for Wednesday, August 11, 2021, was also printed incorrectly. There will be a notice put on the home page of the website listing the corrections.

S7-7-21: Prater moved, Whitten seconded to purchase #9 screenings to repair the racetrack at the Grandstand. Motion carried.

The Grange Building is completed and has been inspected.
The Kenworth banner, that they requested has been hung.
Karl Gearhart has asked if he could stage two trailers of straw at the fairgrounds during the fair, this will be allowed.

Hill will be needing cedar shavings for the fair for the rabbit barn. They are getting harder to have donated as in the past. A suggestion of having the exhibitors pay a small fee in the future was discussed.

S7-8-21: Prater moved, Pickerrell seconded to purchase two skids of shaving for the rabbit and poultry barn. Motion carried.

Clever had a camper asked if he was allowed to set cones on his corner lot. Clever and Haubeil will mark where he can sit his cones.

The gate will be shut between the Steer and Hog barn on the day that the steers show so golf carts can not park in this area.

S7-9-21: Pickerrell moved, Gray seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY