

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted October 4, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was call to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Boggs, Corcoran, Elliott, Hill, Prater, and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Ken Wheeler and Chris Hooks.

Ken Wheeler from the Generals Baseball & Softball Club answered questions on how he would like to rent and hold Bingo on all available Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Multi-Purpose Building as a fund raiser for his club. They have their own insurance and when he has the lease agreement, he will be able file for the permit to conduct Bingo.

10-1-21: Pickerrell moved, Clever seconded to permit the Generals Baseball & Softball Club to rent the Multi-Purpose Building on all available Tuesdays and Thursdays to hold a Bingo event. Motion carried.

Hooks reported that businesses are slowly paying, 175 buyers have not paid. Invoices have been resent to those buyers and checks to exhibitors are being cut for the ones that have been paid. The auction brought in \$566,421, Add-ons \$322,568, the packer bid totaled \$149,116, totaling \$1,380,105.

10-2-21: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the September 14, 2021, Minutes. Motion carried.

10-3-21: Clever moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

10-4-21: Bethel moved, Haubeil seconded to pay September 15-31, 2021, bills totaling \$54,279.99 and pay October 1-4, 2021, bills totaling \$20,958.07. Motion carried.

10-5-21: Chrisman moved, Haubeil seconded to have the Christmas Party on December 6, 2021. Motion carried.

10-6-21: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to order new shirts for the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

The Fedex contract was sent to Fedex on October 1, 2021, for their final approval.

10-7-21: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to permit Kenworth to install an overhead powerline to their temporary building in the general parking lot. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Cosenza received an email from Easyriders Rodeo requesting a contract for the 2022 event. Several Directors would prefer not to have the event back. Sheriff Lavender will not have his department working at the rodeo in the future. Cosenza would like for more Directors present to vote on the event, this will be tabled until the November meeting.

Wheeler had the carpet in the office cleaned today. The MPB floor should be professionally buffed.

10-8-21: Clary moved, Gray seconded to have the MPB floor professionally buffed. Motion carried.

10-9-21: Free moved, McCorkle seconded to have Detillion Fence Co install a fence 651 foot long with two double 16-foot gates all metal posts along the southwest area of the fairgrounds in the amount of \$6,587.00. Motion carried.

Free has started contacting sponsors for the 2022 year. She would like to thank Katie Wells and 4-H for the flag at the Grandstand. Adena Health Systems wants to plant trees and purchase gliders for the Bandstand area, one of the portable bleachers may have to be moved to make room for the additions.

Haubeil reported that Scott Plessinger would like to build an additional motocross track so they can have a national motocross race. This will draw more of a crowd.

10-10-21: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded to permit Scott Plessinger to build an additional racetrack beside the existing track. Motion carried.

Katie Wells would like to have a storage area built in the 4-H Building.

Nelson is working on a spreadsheet for the fair camping. She would like to have another meeting with campspot.com and would welcome input from the Board.

Pickerrell would like permission to move forward on the plans for a roofed 4-H horse arena. He is looking for grants. Free will be meeting with Classic Brands for donations.

Clary reported that Tim Clark with Smash-It would like to sign a new contract.

10-11-21: Clary moved, Bethel seconded to sign a three-year contract with Smash-It/Bash for Cash with RCAS paying All-Win Electric \$1,500.00 to be the electrician during the event, any charges over \$1,500.00 will be Smash-It's responsibility. Motion carried.

Clever reported that upgrading electric and water will cost \$656.94 per campsite. McCorkle suggested that the cans on the electric poles should also be cleaned.

10-12-21: Bethel moved, McCorkle seconded to upgrade the electric and water on campsites on the east side of Jefferson Street for the amount up to \$51,000.00. Motion carried.

Bethel reported that the contract with Eagle Golf Carts has expired, and the price will increase for the 2022 year.

Haubeil reported that the material and labor for the new Rabbit Barn will be \$206,555.00. The groundwork will be approximately \$104,000.00 to \$110,000.00, total cost of the 50 x 150 Rabbit Barn will be approximately \$316,555.

10-13-21: Pickerrell moved, Gray seconded to assign a purchase order for \$10,000.00 to start groundwork for the Rabbit Barn. Motion carried.

10-14-21: Bethel moved, Nelson seconded to order materials for Rabbit Barn in the amount of \$206,555.00. Motion carried.

The 4-H Halloween Campout insurance needs to be discussed before the event next year to ensure that all events are covered.

Cosenza will be meeting with ODA concerning the Grand Champion Hog issue.

10-15-21: Free moved, Nelson seconded to purchase three tables for the President Showcase and one table for the Extravaganza at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

10-16-21: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY