

The Special Meeting (10 days after the fair) of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, August 18, 2025, 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 Boggs, Clifton, Corcoran, Hill, Kemper, and Wetzel were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Karl Gearhart, Kathie Rapp, Katherine Rapp, Ryan Kline, Gayle Mahaffey, Kacey Shaffer, and Tom McWhorter.

Karl Gearhart – Explained why his total bill for emptying the dumpsters during the fair was higher than 2024, there was 10-12 tons more trash. A discussion on the Calf Scramble took place, Clever said something needed to change. The calves are not being fed enough. A plan to educate the winners of the calves will take place with more hands on from the committee.

Shaffer – Buyers Dinner is September 30th, check pickup will be October 1 & 2 in the Auctioneer Office on the grounds.

McWhorter – The scales will be worked on Tuesday, September 19th. The rabbits that were light weight were a little higher than normal, but there were more rabbits than normal.

Kline – The unused wristbands and supplies were returned. The fair went smoothly.

8-1-25: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the July 7, 21, 28, 2025, minutes. Motion carried.

8-2-25: VanHoose moved, Roll seconded to approve \$1,500.00 to be spent on the 2025 Buyers Appreciation Dinner. Motion carried.

Gayle Mahaffey – The Home Arts Building had 3084 entries from 508 different exhibitors. Denise Hobbs was Homemaker of the Year with 200 entries. They would like the following improvements for next year; shelves for the Lego entries, commercial fans for the building, and the lights repaired. The items that were not picked up this year will be in the JV Building next year during registration.

8-3-25: Prater moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded, to sell 9 of the school buses to John Crowe for \$1,000.00 each, Crowe will be picking the buses up at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

8-4-25: Bethel moved, Elliott seconded, to pay the July 1-31, 2025, bills totaling \$399,622.54. Motion carried.

8-5-25: Bethel moved, Haubeil seconded, to approve the July Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

Bethel – The vendors should be charged to plug their stock trailers into 50-amp service.

Secretary Report – A list was requested for Thank You's to be sent to volunteers during the fair. The OFMA reservations at the Drury open on September 4th. The accident during the fair with Dave Clary and a car is settled.

Wheeler – Approximately 150 trash cans need to be replaced, VanHoose will price the trash cans. The hog barn was left in a mess after the fair, stall numbers were recorded. All items are being stored from the fair.

8-6-25: Prater moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded, to give Wheeler a \$1,200.00 bonus. Motion carried.

Roll – The Jr Fair Board was cleaning the Row of Champions on Saturday morning while the sale was in progress, using heavy equipment, leaf blowers and making loud noise and blowing dust into the sale arena. This job should not be done during the sale.

Bethel – The golf cart list for 2026 fair was passed around for confirmation of what kind and how many carts to be rented next year.

Clary – The superintendent of the alpacas did not like the tent provided for them and tied the animals to their trailers. All of the horse barn is very grateful for the new sound system.

8-7-25: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to not allow the Alpacas to compete at the fair in 2026. Motion carried.

Bethel has received \$20,000.00 rent from vendors for the 2026 fair. Several permanent booths have not paid their rent this year.

Nelson has a court date of September 9th for the incident involving the golf cart during the fair.

8-8-25: Elliott moved, Haubeil seconded to replace the AC unit in the Multipurpose Building. Motion carried.

Elliott – Getting quotes for a PA System for the Midway, Buildings, and Camping area. He will also be quoting 6 large fans for the Beef Barn, and a lean-to for the side of the Multipurpose Building for storage of the tables and chairs.

Gary Prater announced that his is resigning after 40 years of serving on the Board and this was his last meeting.

A letter will be sent to the camper that rented a golf cart from Eagle Golf Cart and did not return the cart on Sunday morning; he will not be permitted to purchase a golf cart permit next year.

8-9-25: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to appoint Trisha Prater Bodary as Jefferson Township Director. Motion carried.

8-10-25: Gray moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

