

The Special Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Clary, Elliott, Haubeil Jr, Hill, and Kemper were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Andy Wettersten, and Chris Hooks.

The wristband inventory is 5000 neon pink (comp), 3000 dark purple (camping), 1500 shiny orange. There will be 5000 more ordered for fair.

The following were appointed to work the Director's Election; Three Judges, Corcoran, Cosenza, and Clifton. Two Clerks, Free and VanHoose.

Information is needed for several different sections of the new website.

The fair books and weekly schedule will be completed by July 1st. A sponsorship list will be sent to Stephen Patrick to be posted on the website.

Wheeler has the banner hung on the bleachers. The dressing room trailer is being worked on. He will be contacting the person for the dust control during the fair.

Andy Wettersten reported that the Wi-Fi project has been completed, and reminded the board that their yearly contract is up for renewal at the end of July.

Free and Prater spoke at a Rotary meeting with a good response on the Commercial Building Event.

Free will order fair pins for visiting royalty and Ludwick will contact Ryan Kline to set up a schedule of who will escort them around the fairgrounds.

Haubeil reported that the downspouts have been installed on the Small Animal Show Arena and Rabbit Barn. The locations for the sewage holding tanks have been selected, three at the back exit and 3 at the front exit, with space to add more at each location.

Pickerrell requested that the steps to the announcer stand at the horse arena be replaced.

S6-1-23: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to approve \$12,000.00 for installing lights on the midway and tunnel area. Motion carried.

S6-2-23: Pickerrell moved, Haubeil seconded to replace the ceiling fans in the bleachers at the horse arena for \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Co Alliance proposed to Clifton that they would like to sponsor the hog show for \$1,000.00. This would entail 6 banners that would hang in the Show Arena during the show and have their name announced through out the show. This will be tabled until the July 11, 2023, meeting.

Clifton also brought up purchasing more Wi-Fi wands and scale heads for the 2023 fair. This will also be tabled at this time.

Nelson reported that there are 26 sites open and 75 people still on the wait list to be contacted.

S6-3-23: Nelson moved, McCorkle seconded to refund Ryan Kline and Marianne Guthrie their camping fee due to their jobs. Motion carried.

Free has sold 6 more benches only 2 left, she thanked Wheeler for putting on the dedication signs.

S6-4-23: Free moved, McCorkle seconded to hire Detillion Landscaping to replace the dead plants around the Bandstand. Motion carried.

S6-5-23: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to hire Sheila Devilbliss for office help the week before and week of the fair and not to go through Elite Staffing. Motion carried.

S6-6-23: Clifton moved, McCorkle seconded to set Sheila Devilbliss pay at \$15.00 per hour with no overtime. Motion carried.

S6-7-23: Clever moved, Free seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY