

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held June 3, 2024, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed Bethel, Boggs, Haubeil, Hill, and Kemper were not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bradford Cosenza.

Guests – Tom McWhorter, Kacey Shaffer, Lara Hauswirth, Janet Prickett, Kathy Rapp, Emma Willett, Ava Palmer, Katie Wells, and Kenton Richter.

Janet Prickett reported that Jr 4-H Camp is full and Sr Camp is almost full. Quality Assurance went well. Jr Fair will be meeting in the MPB Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm.

6-1-24: Free moved, Clever seconded to purchase the 4-H Seniors signs to hang in the barns for approximately \$300.00. Motion carried.

6-2-24: Prater moved, VanHoose seconded to permit llamas as 4-H projects at the fair and they will be set up in the old Small Animal Show Arena. Motion carried.

Ava Palmer and Emma Willett representing Jr Fair Board reported they are going on a canoe trip on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have been working on fundraisers. The corn hole tournament will cost \$20.00 per person. They are trying different ideas to fill up their trailer with more nonperishable food than last year.

The Sales Committee will be having a meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Receipts were turned in for purchases of rabbit tattooing. The buyers' packets need to be sent out soon. A discussion took place on whether the Row of Champions should stay until Saturday or leave the grounds with the rest of their species. The scales will be certified earlier this year.

6-3-24: Clever moved, Gray seconded to purchase supplies for the buyers' packet for approximately \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

6-4-24: VanHoose moved, Clever seconded to release the Grand and Reserve Champions from the Row of Champions when their species leaves the grounds after their livestock sales. Motion carried, 2 oppose, Free & Clifton.

Nelson would like for a picture of exhibitor and animal to be placed on the Row of Champions.

A list of each exhibitor and who purchased their project is wanted from the auctioneer for the sale year of 2023.

6-5-24: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

6-6-24: Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the May Treasurer report. Motion carried.

6-7-24: Elliott moved, VanHoose seconded to approve payment of June 1-5, 2024, bills totaling \$6,733.95. Motion carried.

6-8-24: Clever moved, Clifton seconded to approve payment of May 1-31, 2024, bills totaling \$98,860.23. Motion carried.

Comp ticket request forms were handed out and are due back at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6-9-24: Haubeil Jr moved, Prater seconded to purchase twenty new 8' tables for approximately \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

6-10-24: McCorkle moved, Free seconded to charge Gary Bartley and Rod Halterman \$1,500.00 for auction rental June 24-29, 2024. Motion carried.

Wheeler is painting roofs and power washing buildings.

Clifton thanked Wheeler for fixing the water valves. The Commercial Building is full except for a few outside booths.

Nelson has 48 sites open and will be meeting with people on the camping wait list this week.

Clary is having Swango checking the campground and horse arena sound systems. An amplifier is needed at the horse arena. The steps to the horse arena announcers stand need repaired or possibly replaced. The three Big Ass fans at the horse arena have fallen down. Clary is getting estimates for a drag for the horse arena. A new announcer has to be found for the Harness Racing.

6-11-24: Haubeil Jr moved, Clever seconded to permit Dan Wells to use the grounds on Thursday for practicing livestock judging. Motion carried.

6-12-24: Clever moved, Wetzel seconded to approve purchase of approximately \$2,000.00 of black top to repair trip hazards on the grounds. Motion carried.

Free says the hitches that Riffle built and donated are missing two hoses and they need to be added.

Signage needs to be set up on Fairgrounds Road so the antique tractors being trailered in for the morning event at the Grandstand on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> will not use Gate 2.

6-13-24: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY