

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held March 3, 2025, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:06 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Chain, Clifton, Corcoran, Hill, Prater, and Wetzel were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bradford Cosenza.

Guests – Chris Higley, Pam Snyder, Susan Gearhart, Tom McWhorter, Kacey Shaffer, Isaac Corzarin, Kenton Richter, CJ Jones, Marisha Wax, Garrett Wells, Ryan Kline, Hailey Bane, Harley Bane, Wayne Grigsby, and Dustin Cottrill.

Pam Snyder from the Ross County Farm Bureau thanked the Board for letting them host Career Day in the past. She presented a video of the past Career Days and explained the process of how the participants learn the different aspects of the jobs that take place in the agricultural field.

3-1-25: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to permit the Ross County Farm Bureau to use the Multipurpose Building on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 for Career Day. Motion carried.

Jr Fair Board members reported that they received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Region on the fund raiser “Stock the Trailer” food drive. They asked if the Sr Fair Board would like to donate \$1,000.00 of their gate money from Jr Fair Night during the fair to this fund raiser.

3-2-25: Free moved, Clary seconded to donate \$1,000.00 from the gate money on Jr. Fair Night to “Stock the Trailer”. Motion carried.

Dustin Cottrill with Ross County Cattleman asked if he could change the date of the Cattle Show on the weekend of October 4, 2025 to the weekend of October 18, 2025. There is a motocross race that weekend, Cosenza will talk to Plessinger.

Matt Clifton's granddaughters Hailey and Harley brought the Board up-to-date on Matt's condition, the chemo treatments are going very well, on the way home from a Dr appointment he was involved in a car accident and broke his back and will be having surgery tomorrow. His wife is scheduled for a double mastectomy. They will be having a raffle for his wife and T-Shirts are available for purchase at Glitter Mom's.

Ryan Kline informed the Board that Logan Kinard will be starting on April 7<sup>th</sup> filling part of Katie Wells position, livestock and volunteers. The ribbons that the RCAS sponsor are \$3,250.75, and the hog show in memory of Glen Anderson is \$35.00. Kline has been asked if the poultry show is still scheduled, as of now, ODA has not said anything about cancelling.

3-3-25: Clever moved, Grey seconded to sponsor ribbons at the cost of \$3,250.75 for Jr Fair. Motion carried.

3-4-25: Kemper moved, Roll seconded to sponsor the hog show in memory of Glen Anderson for \$35.00. Motion carried.

Kacey Shaffer turned in the updates for the fair book concerning the sale. She spoke on whether or not to go back to putting class winners up higher in the sale order.

3-5-25: Haubeil Jr moved, VanHoose seconded to leave the sale order as it was last year. Motion carried. 10 Affirmative, 1 Opposed, Free.

3-6-25: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to approve the February 3, 2025, Minutes. Motion carried.

3-7-25: Haubeil Jr. moved, Nelson seconded to approve the February Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

3-8-25: Kemper moved, VanHoose seconded to approve payment of February 4-28, 2025 bills totaling \$11,688.59. Motion carried.

3-9-25: Free moved, Clever seconded to approve payment of March 1-3, 2025, bills totaling \$22,007.57. Motion carried.

Wheeler requested a sign to let non-fair campers know which campsites are permitted to be occupied, and a better map of the campground with campsite numbers.

3-10-25: Gray moved, Free seconded to have Best of Show premiums for the Home Arts Building and the Flower Show. Motion carried.

Free – The school letters and the sign invoices have been mailed.

Nelson – The camping contracts will be mailed out the end of March. Bell Farms would like to use their kitchen on the grounds year-round.

Clary – The open Horse Show on Thursday of the fair will start earlier this year.

3-11-25: Haubeil moved, Kemper seconded to raise the Jr Fair Night admission price to \$5.00 per person, kids 6 years old and under free. Motion carried.

3-12-25: Clever moved, Clary seconded to charge the following Grandstand admission; Saturday, 8/2 pm Truck Pulls \$5.00

Monday, 8/4 Motocross \$5.00 Gen Admission – Pit Passes \$10.00

Tuesday, 8/5 Jr Fair Night Gen Admission \$5.00

Wednesday, 8/6 School Bus Derby Gen Admission \$10.00 – Pit Passes \$15.00

Thursday, 8/7 Rodeo Gen Admission \$10.00

Friday, 8/8 Autocross Gen Admission \$10.00 – Pit Passes \$15.00

Saturday, 8/9 Demo Derby Gen Admission \$10.00 – Pit Passes \$15.00

All children 6 years old and under are free. Motion carried.

3-13-25: Haubeil Jr moved, Haubeil seconded to approve \$500.00 to install a mail drop box in the Fair Board Office. Motion carried.

3-14-25: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to upgrade the electric on the north end of the Goat Barn for \$3,359.51. Motion carried.

3-15-25: Gray moved, VanHoose seconded to purchase two Big Ass fans at \$535.00 each. Motion carried.

3-16-25: Haubeil moved, Kemper seconded to purchase sound system for Swine Barn, Goat Barn, Beef Barn and Show Arena for \$67,843.92 and purchase sound system for Horse Arena for \$25,354.49. Motion carried.

3-17-25: Haubeil Jr moved, Kemper seconded to accept the quote submitted by Scioto Valley Dumpsters for 8–20-yard dumpsters at \$450.00 per dump during the fair. Motion carried.

3-18-25: Elliott moved, Gray seconded to accept the quote submitted by A-1 Septic in the amount of \$35,100.00 total cost including 90 portable toilets, 10 hand washing stations, 10 handicap toilets and maintenance on all units, pumping of campers at \$25.00 per pump with \$3.00 per pump being paid to RCAS, and pumping all septic tanks on the grounds as long as RCAS dump stations are not used during the fair. Motion carried.

3-19-25: Clever moved, Clary seconded to accept the quote submitted by BJ's Gate Solutions for ticket takers, 2 people at the 207 gate from 7am to 10 pm for \$2,500.00 – 1 person at the exit gate from 7am to 10 pm for \$1,400.00 – Sufficient personnel to sell, scan tickets at the entry gates from 7am to 10 pm with receipts and all money turned in at the end of each shift (2pm & 10pm) to RCAS for \$15,000.00 – Sufficient personnel to sell, take tickets and stamp hands at the Grandstand, receipts and all money turned in at the end of shift to RCAS for \$3,100.00 – Sell pit passes, admission tickets and wristbands at the tunnel and infield pits receipts and all money turned in at the end of the shift to RCAS for \$4,680.00 – Sell admission tickets at the Y gate, receipts and all money turned in at the end of the shift for \$1,344.00 – total price \$28,024.00. No quote was put in for parking. Motion carried.

3-20-25: Clever moved, VanHoose seconded to accept Tradesmen Building Services LLC quote for emptying the trash cans in the amount of \$21,000.00 with a startup fee of \$5,000.00 due by Tuesday July 29, 2025. Motion carried.

3-21-25: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to accept Tradesmen Building Services LLC quote for grounds sanitation in the amount of \$22,000.00 with a startup fee of \$2,700.00 due by Tuesday July 29, 2025. Motion carried.

3-22-25: Clever moved, Gray seconded to accept Tradesmen Building Services LLC quote for Building/Restrooms Sanitation in the amount of \$13,000.00 with a startup fee of \$2,700.00 due by Tuesday July 29, 2025. Motion carried.

3-23-25: Elliott moved, Nelson seconded to accept Higley Tents quote for the tents in the amount of \$10,255.00. Motion carried.

Dustin Everhart submitted a quote for parking lot attendants, the Board is requesting that he attend the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss his quote.

April 30, 2025 is the deadline to submit Fair Slogans.

Wayne Grigsby – The plans are being finalized for the Horse Barn; they are gearing up for working on donations.

3-24-25: Gray moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to go into executive session at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

3-25-25: Gray moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to go back into regular session at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

3-26-25: Gray moved, Clever seconded to pay Mary Ludwick for help on the 2025 Fair Book. Motion carried.

3-27-25: Kemper moved, Clary seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY

