

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held on March 6, 2023, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call revealed that all Directors were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Katrina Robinson, Kacey Shaffer, Julie Oats, Chris Hooks, Karl Gearhart, Andrea Arledge, Tom McWhorter, Katie Wells, Lara Hauswirth, Ryan Kline, and Konten Richter.

Julie Oats has spoken to an equine facility that has programs helping veterans similar to what is planned for the new equine project, they are helping with writing grants for our project. Oats will be meeting with possible major sponsors over the next two weeks.

Katrina Robinson and Lara Hauswirth introduced themselves, they are working on 4-H Committees.

Andrea Arledge requested a letter for sponsorship purpose for the Homemaker of the Year for the Home Arts Show.

Wells reported 4-H enrollments have increased for 2023. The restructure of voucher rules will wait until this fall. During Wells maternity leave Sally Bluck and Ryan Kline will be available to help in her place.

There are six unpaid invoices totaling \$4,215.01. The Sales Committee will be holding a meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

3-1-23: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve February 6, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

3-2-23: McCorkle moved, Pickerrell seconded to pay February 6-28, 2023, bills totaling \$21,032.82 and to pay March 1-6, 2023 bills totaling \$65,589.72. Motion carried.

3-3-23: Clary moved, Corcoran seconded to accept the February Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jaluv Hoop will be resigning the position of RCAS Treasurer, a new Treasurer will need to be hired.

Reservations are being taken for the OFMA Spring District Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 2, 2023.

3-4-23: Haubeil Jr. moved, Hill seconded not to reduce the rates in the proposed 3-year contract for Chillicothe Trader Days. Motion carried.

3-5-23: Haubeil Jr. moved, Clary seconded to approve the contract for the 2023 fair veterinarian, Dr. Davis, one campsite, golf cart, 4 weekly passes, 4 parking passes, and the sum of \$4,600.00. Motion carried.

All corrections, logos, and entertainment information for 2023 fair book needs to be turned into Gray by April 24, 2023.

3-6-23: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to print 4500 copies of fair book. Motion carried.

Cosenza recapped the special meeting that took place on March 3, 2023. The Board would like for the Sales Committee to continue to handle the market animal weigh ins, tagging of the projects, line up the volunteers, build the show and sale bills through Show Works. The Board would also prefer that the exhibitors register on Show Works as they already register with 4-H. The Board would like to hire an auctioneer to perform the duties of the sale, invoices to buyers, collect the money, and pay the exhibitors. Kelly Cobal from Allen County Fair is willing to show what the program Show Works is capable of.

3-7-23: Clary moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to approve hiring auctioneer Drew Williams for the 2023 fair. Motion carried.

3-8-23: Hill moved, Clary seconded to approve hiring JL Uhrig to perform the audit on the Sales Committee for the sum of \$4,950.00. Motion carried.

3-9-23: Hill moved, Clary seconded to approve \$2,050.00 for materials to build a permanent frame for the Kenworth and Adena sign. Motion carried.

Free reported that G&J Pepsi would like to sell only Pepsi in the New Commercial Building, this will be discussed at a later date. Adena Health System would like to

purchase the wristbands with their logo on the bands, the bands have already been purchased for the 2023 fair.

Hill would like to see the amount of the sponsorship level of the naming rights of the new Commercial Building to be higher and at a limited time.

3-10-23: Haubeil moved, Haubeil Jr., seconded not to break ground on the new Commercial Building Project until 95% of the money has been raised. Motion carried.

3-11-23: Gearhart moved, Chain seconded to award the contract of emptying the dumpsters to Scioto Valley Dumpsters at the cost of \$450.00 per dump plus \$75.00 per ton over 3 tons. Motion carried.

3-12-23: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to award the contract of tents to Higley Tents at the cost of \$8,950.00. Motion carried.

3-13-23: Bethel moved, McCorkle seconded to award the contract of cleaning the restrooms and buildings to First Capital Enterprises at the cost of \$14,120.00. Motion carried.

3-14-23: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to award the contract of grounds sanitation to First Capital Enterprises at the cost of \$23,590.00. Motion carried.

3-15-23: Corcoran moved, Clary seconded to award the contract of ticket takers to the Navy Petty Officers at the cost of \$27,675.00, if the 207 gate is not used the cost will be \$25,575.00. Motion carried.

3-16-23: Hill moved, Clever seconded to table the sewage pumping contract until the April meeting. Motion carried.

The deadline for fair slogans to be turned in is April 15, 2023.

3-17-23: Bethel moved, Gearhart seconded to permit Harley Bain to be our photographer during the fair. Motion carried.

3-18-23: Clever moved, Chain seconded to raise Jeep Fest tickets as follows, Day Pass \$15.00, Saturday and Sunday Pass \$25.00, Weekend Pass \$30.00, Gold Rush Pass \$130.00, Camping per night \$35.00. Motion carried.

3-19-23: Hill moved, VanHoose seconded to approve the following Grandstand Event prices; August 5, 2023 Tractor/Truck Pulls \$5.00, Comedy \$15.00 Stage

seats \$20.00, Bump and Run \$10.00 Pit Pass \$15.00, Autocross \$10.00 Pit Pass \$15.00, Demo Derby \$10.00 Pit Pass \$15.00. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr and VanHoose presented a power point on the proposed Labor Day Country Music Festival, a budget is needed to book artists.

3-20-23: Boggs moved, VanHoose seconded to approve a budget of \$200,000.00 to pay the deposits for artists for the Labor Day Music Festival. Motion carried. 13 affirmative votes and 3 opposed votes.

3-21-23: Hill moved, Boggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY