

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, October 6, 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, Haubeil, Nelson, Wetzell, VanHoose, and Guthrie were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Gary Prater, Elaine Prater, Dustin Cottrill, Nancy Detty, Melody Walters, Karl Gearhart, Bill Speakman, Kacey Kruger, and Logan Kennard.

Notary, Andy Hill swore in Trish Bodary, newly appointed Director for Jefferson Township for a one-year term.

Dustin Cottrill confirming the Ross County Cattlemen's Classic Show for October 18th, the Board reminded him there is a Motocross Race the same day on the grounds.

Kacey Kruger – The Livestock Sale total was \$1,363,420.32, there were 960 buyers. Handing out the checks went smoothly, still have 30 checks to distribute. There were 75 that attended the Buyers Appreciation Dinner. The training for ShoWorks has been booked. Edward Jones, Matthew Edler was the top overall buyer.

10-1-25: Kemper moved, Clever seconded to approve the September 9, 2025 Minutes. Motion carried.

10-2-25: Bethel moved, Free seconded to approve the payment of September 1-31, 2025 bills totaling \$101,796.85. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors Christmas Party will be held on December 1st starting at 6pm and Santa arriving at 7pm. Please bring a Bingo Prize if you are planning on playing. Bring a wrap present for your little ones for Santa to hand out.

The Sales Committee has been contacted from local auctioneers wanting to try and bid for the Jr Livestock Sale.

The Health Department wants campers during events to only back into their campsite.

Sheriff Lavender received a call from the Easy Riders Rodeo and would like to discuss them coming back to Chillicothe.

The Commissioners have requested to use the buildings on the fairgrounds for meetings while the Ross County Service Center is being remodeled.

10-3-25: Clever moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to permit The Ross County Service Center to use the Fairgrounds buildings for meetings when available during the remodeling of the Service Center. Motion carries.

Logan Kennard – The date for the 4-H Halloween Campout was requested for September 25-27, 2026. He presented the rule changes for the different species, several items concerning schedule changes were tabled until a workable schedule was presented. Also tabled whether the dairy feeders to be added to the auction, this will be decided at the end of the two years trial period, where the Vet Check will take place.

10-4-25: Clever moved, Clary seconded to permit the 4-H Halloween Campout on September 25-27, 2026. Motion carried.

10-5-25: Clever moved, Free seconded to not allow the use of magna wave and laser therapy on all species to stay in compliance with ODA/State Fair rules. Motion carried.

10-6-25: Free moved, Hill seconded to permit adding one Barn Superintendent to the Dairy Barn. Motion carried.

10-7-25: Kemper moved, Clever seconded to permit bringing out the Champion and Reserve dairy cow into the auction ring when selling the dairy products to display them for the buyers. Motion carried.

10-8-25: Kemper moved, Clever seconded to move Fair for All to 2:00 pm and Goat Showmanship to 3:30 pm. Motion carried.

10-9-25: Haubeil Jr. moved, Chain seconded to permit 2 superintendents for the Sheep Barn. Motion carried.

10-10-25: Bethel moved, Clifton seconded to change the current swine hair rule to; "Each hog must have at least ½ inch minimum of measurable hair to be eligible for the show and sale. Hair must be checked before the animal is permitted to go across the scale at the fair move in/weigh in. Body shaving/clipping of hogs is not a recommended practice. Clippers/scissors are not allowed in the barns and clipping of hogs are not allowed during the fair. Clipping of the hog's face and neck only is allowed and must be done prior to the animal coming to the fair. (Face and neck meaning from where the shoulder STARTS to the end of the snout) Any other clipping is done at the exhibitor's own risk. An approved ½ inch hair-line ruling tool will be used to determine hair length by a Hair Judge. The Hair Judge's ruling is final and cannot be petitioned. Any violation of this rule will result in dismissal from the fair swine market show and sale: however, the exhibitor will be allowed to show his/her pig in showmanship." Motion carried.

10-11-25: Bethel moved, Clifton seconded to purchase a heated power washer for approximately \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Wettersten will check on a computer and square to be able to take credit card payments.

The bathrooms are being winterized.

Clary would like to use the Harness Racing grant for a new PA system.

10-12-25: Kemper moved, Clary seconded to reserve three tables for Friday and one table for Saturday night for the OFMA convention and register for the activities for the spouses. Motion carried.

10-13-25: Kemper moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY