

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Corcoran, Gearhart, Hill, Kemper, Pickerrell, and Hoop were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Cosenza.

Guests – Jason Wiseman, Charles Self, Billy Self, Earl Benjamin, Kathie Rapp, Kacey Shaffer, Chris Hooks, Katie Wells, Sally Timmons, and Brian Nelson.

Charles and Billy Self, representatives of Seven Mile Blue Grass Festival, spoke on the event that they have yearly to help veterans. Their event has grown and they need a larger venue. They will speak with Haubeil Jr. on dates and what they would need and return to another meeting.

Jason Wiseman addressed the Board on the matter of reserving a pulling sled for the antique and truck pulls for the 2024 fair. He has tentatively reserved the sled for August 3, 2024. He produced a list of classes and suggested that this event will be continued we should consider purchasing two semi hitches, they are approximately \$950.00 each.

Sally Timmons reporting for 4-H, she thanked the Senior Fair Board for all they do with the fair. They discussed at their last meeting on educating the exhibitors on the proper dress code for showing and selling the animal projects during the fair.

Katie Wells – The Jr Fair Board had an ice cream social; they have 21 Jr Fair Board members returning and will be holding interviews on Sunday, September 16, 2023. They are working on what subject that will be presented at the OFMA Convention, and hopes that Jr Fair Board can once again practice in front of the Senior Fair Board. They will be looking for new advisors due to current ones moving and resigning. There are 2 to 3 new 4-H clubs this year. The 4-H Jr Fair evaluations are ready to be completed. Will be meeting soon on restructuring the vouchers. The Halloween Campout has 29 clubs participating. There will be a

superintendent meeting on Thursday discuss any changes and working on personnel issues.

Kacey Shaffer – Sales Committee is working on the Buyer's Appreciation Dinner, it will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, if any fair board member wants to attend, please let her know. Hamburgers with all the trimmings. The steer that did not sale during the fair, the packer priced was paid, the butcher processed the meat for free. This is the meet that will be used for the dinner. What should be done with the rest of the beef? A decision will be made at the October meeting.

9-1-23: Clever moved, VanHoose seconded to approve the August 21, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

RoCo Music Fest expenses \$554,524.02, revenue \$171,839.00 this is only through August, a complete report will be at the October meeting.

Haubeil wanted to know if Triple A bill has been taken care of, yes it has.

Anyone wanting to attend OFMA Convention should fill out the reservation form and hand into Ludwick by October 2. The Jr Civic has been asking for a donation, Clifton will be taking care of the auction item.

9-2-23: Clary moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to permit the Pioneer School to hold their Pony Camp June 24-28, 2024. Motion carried.

The hog that tested positive at fair has been taken to the butcher by Bethel. An ODA inspector has watched the video of the swine barn. ODA has not ruled as of yet.

Wheeler – Would like to store the picnic tables in the Commercial Building, but do not have the equipment to move them into the building. Clary would like to price a tractor to do this job. Will clean up mowers and yellow tractor to sell.

Free – Received \$5,000.00 from Farm Credit for Commercial Building. Will be filing for a grant with Ross County Community Foundation Grant. Thank you notes have been sent out to sponsors.

Haubeil – The six sewage holding tanks are in place waiting for Pat Allen to wire and then ready for State inspection. Came in under budget. Will put signage up for entrance and exit. The use of the road millings saved approximately \$25,000.00 in gravel. The tracks on the skid steer are worn out.

9-3-23: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to purchase new tracks for the skid steer for \$3,121.51. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. – How to handle trash pick up during Halloween Campout, calling Bub Campbell, and calling Karl Gearhart for dumpsters.

9-4-22: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to permit Buckeye Off Road to have use of the motocross track during their event. Motion carried.

Nelson – If any Board member needs a campsite for the Halloween Campout, please let her know.

Haubeil suggested that the price of the non-fair camping will need to be raised to compensate for having to pump out sewage holding tanks.

Table what will be done with left over meat from steer that SFB purchased.

Table choosing an applicate for Outstanding Fair Supporter, due November 1, 2023.

RoCo recap – All that attended enjoyed the concert. A discussion on the possible changes for future event. Will wait for a complete final financial report on event. Clifton thanked Haubeil Jr for all he did for RoCo.

Brian Nelson – Reported that we were fined by the undercover alcohol agents. Checking ID's and serving the public was done correctly. We purchased the alcohol at retail price and should have purchased it at a 6% discount price. A fine will be issued.

The Boy Scouts have contacted us about having their Council Camporee either 2026 or 2027. The last event held on the fairgrounds they were not prompt on

paying. We will propose that they pay a deposit, this decision will be tabled until the October meeting.

9-5-23: McCorkle moved, Clifton seconded to approve the July Treasurers report. Motion carried.

9-6-23: Gray moved, Boggs seconded to table the August Treasurers report until the October meeting. Motion carried.

9-7-23: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY