

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8th , 2025

President: Jill Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Jill Sterling.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Ron Chambers, Justin Durkin, Mikayala Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Drew Kissel,
Kevin King, Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker,
Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Russ Thorn, Debra Tournoux,
Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Travis Secrest

Guest:

- Newly elected Stark County Sheriff, Eric Weisburn, introduced himself to the board. He looks forward to working with us this coming year.

- The board presented Nick Kennedy with an Outstanding Fair Supporter plaque. (The board nominated him as the Stark County Outstanding Fair Supporter that was recognized at the OFMA convention.)

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from December's board meeting were presented.

Motion 25-16: Danny S motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, December 11, 2025. Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- December's Treasurers report was presented to the board.

Motion 25-17 : Bill L motioned to approve the Decembers Treasurer's report as presented. Jill M seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- David Crawford, the Stark County 4H educator, is retiring at the end of January.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Directors gave reports of sessions they attended while at the OFMA convention.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

Motion 25-18: Cindi V motioned to move \$5,231.57 to the KeyBank account (xx7883) from the Consumers Bank account (xx385) to bring the balance above \$25,000 and avoid a service charge. Amber S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-19: Bryan G motioned to move \$100,000 from Citizens bank account to the KeyBank account which earns higher interest. Bill L seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from January's meeting were presented.

Motion 25-20: Russ T motioned purchase 100 (2'x2'x6') deadman concrete blocks at \$85.00 per block, not to exceed \$8,500. Funds will come from the 2024 State Grant Projects. Bryan G seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Have a new renter for stalls in the block barn.

Motion 25-21: Russ T motioned to rent 13 stalls in the concrete barn to Timothy Johnson. Bryan G seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- Nothing to report.

PR & Advertising

-Nothing to report.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Grounds entertainment will be the petting zoo, agripuppets and a trapeze-circus like act.

Speed Committee:

Motion 25-22: Earl R motioned to have wiener dog racing at this year's fair. It will be right after the horse races. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

Motion 25-23: Danny S motioned to bring Dee Downerd back as office help at the HR committee's discretion. Jill M seconded with 17 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Majority of the fair book sections are completed.

Exhibition Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Nothing to report.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

- Nothing to report.

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Nothing to report.

Commissary:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Nothing to report.

Rabbits:

- Nothing to report.

Sheep:

- Nothing to report.

Swine

- Nothing to report.

Gates:

- Nothing to report.

Parking

- Nothing to report.

Police:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Church:

- Nothing to report.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Nothing to report.

BlueRibbon:

- Staying with BlueRibbon for one more year. Martech was bought by new owners and will hopefully bring a fresher look to it.

Fair Book:

- Looking forward to receiving all the sections from Directors next month.

Golf Cart:

- Nothing to report.

SCAS Hall of Fame:

- Nothing to report.

Any Other Business for The Good of The Society or Fair:

Motion 25-25: Danny S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill L seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06PM.

Jill E Sterling *Board President*

Crystal Bean *Board Secretary*

Approved on _____

* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2025 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.