

**Stark County Agricultural Society**  
**Senior Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Bill Locker.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Ron Chambers, Justin Durkin, Mikayala Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King,  
Bill Locker, George Maier, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker,  
Bob Shahan, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn,  
Debra Tournoux, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Travis Secrest (approved), Cynthia Vickers (approved)

**Motion 24-11:** Danny S motioned to suspend regular meeting for guests. Jill S. seconded with all voting yes. Motion approved.

Guest:

- Gavin from the Jr. Fair Board came to thank the Senior Fair Board for buying dinner at the OFMA Convention and letting us go down to Columbus.

- Nick Kennedy from Jr. fair Auction & Promotions Committee: We are working on getting the Facebook page back up (account linked to it got hacked.) We have tentative dates for the Meet & Greet / Buyers Dinner and would like to request to have an alcohol permit for the Buyers Dinner on June 30. This year we won't live stream shows, we did not have enough audience to justify the cost. We will still continue to stream auctions.

**Motion 24-12:** Jill S motioned to return to the regular board meeting. Dave Sw. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday December 8 board meeting was presented.

**Motion 24-13:** Kevin K motioned to approve the minutes from 12/8/23 as presented. Jill S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Decembers Treasurers report was presented to the board.

**Motion 24- 14:** Danny S motioned to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's report as presented. Kevin K. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- We are starting the audit from the State Auditors, each Director needs to complete a Fraud Risk Assessment form.
- Building & Grounds Pass for 2024 for each Director.
- Contractors need to sign in with the office while on the property. We want to keep a log of who is on the grounds and what they are doing. Doing so will allow us to keep better records and if contractors are doing the work they were hired for.
- Gave report regarding classes attended at the OFMA Convention.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Upcoming events: Jan 20 - Kick off meeting for Jr fair board - 5PM Art Hall / Feb 10 - Square Dance in Art Hall 5PM - 9PM / Vacation - Jan 25 - Feb 5
- Started stock the trailer already. Challenge board to bring in cans (pull top is recommended)

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Auditing:

Nothing

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from Jan 3, 2024 meeting were presented.

**Motion 24-15:** Russ motioned to pay Young Brothers for leaf vacuuming \$1200 in December 2023, amount needed is \$700 for this motion. \$500 was approved at the December 2023 meeting. Bryan seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-16:** Russ motioned to hire Southway Fence to repair west gate, at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance at the quoted price of \$720 and to replace North Gate at Roslyn Street entrance at the quoted price of \$1,915. Total amount \$2,640. Earl seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Gate Codes have been changed please see Russ or Bryan for the new code. The Horse gate code will not change.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- Changes in modifying the livestock exhibition rules.
- Certain Rules are required to be in the fair book.

PR & Advertising

- Nothing to report.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Had a meeting tonight.

**Motion 24-17:** Jill S motioned to enter into a contract with Derby Dog for 2 years for fair Demolition Derby's at \$7,500 for 2 shows. Derby Dog will do Pit Passes, entries & pay premiums. Dan F seconded. Vote was called:

Ron C: Yes	Justin D: Yes	Mikayla D: Yes	Dan F: Yes	Bryan G: Yes	Kevin K: Yes
Jill M: No	Julie N: Yes	Earl R: Yes	Danny S: Yes	Bob S: Yes	Amber S: No
Jill S: Yes	Dave S: Yes	Dave Sw: No	Russ T: Yes	Debra T: Yes	Sarah Y: Yes

15 YES / 3 NO. Motion Passed

**Motion 24-18:** Kevin K motioned to approve grounds entertainment contracts for two shows during the fair. Space Show: \$11,550 for 7 days, Bubble Show: \$7,000 for 7 days. Jill S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Speed Committee:

- Still waiting to hear back from OHHA Grant.
- Attended classes by OHHA at the OFMA convention.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

- Need to meet to go over contracts and review with personnel.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Exhibition Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Nothing to report.

Agricultural Building:

- Would like to put a page in the fair book for the Farm Bureau.

Grange:

- Perry Grange has reached out again.
- Considering hanging mirror over island/ Demo kitchen in Grange. Open to suggestions.

4H Building:

- Would like to have Stark County Building inspector or engineer come out. We have conflicting inspection reports.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Getting ready to send contracts out.

Commissary:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Had a meeting. The electric outlets need replaced.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Having a meeting in Feb.

Ponies:

- Working on rules.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report

Poultry:

- Birds will stay during fair.

Rabbits:

- Nothing to report.

Sheep:

- Good

Swine

- Nothing to report.

Gates:

- Nothing

### Parking

- Nothing to report.

### Police:

- Homeland security can come to set up tower to improve security.
- New Gun Law- Ohio is open carry, can not keep out people from carrying inside a building if there is a restroom in it. The policy needs updated in fair book.

### Jr Fair Horses:

- Horses entries are getting to the max and there is not enough room in the barn. We will discuss this at next meeting.

### Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Signed the contract at convention. We will have the same classes as last year.

### Background Checks:

- New Board members need background check completed.

### Landscape Enhancement:

- Planning a workday within the next 6 weeks.

### Rides:

- Kissel Care's Day has expanded to 4 more fairs.

### Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

### Technology:

- Verizon has a program for fairs that brings a truck for increased cell phone service.

### Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Start looking into sponsors now.

### Fair Book:

- Superintendents should start working on their sections. Would like to have the book out as soon as possible.

### Golf Cart:

- Looking into other companies for quotes to compare prices.

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- We have an upcoming meeting to discuss.
- President asked for committee to present a full line and game plans for the committee at the next board meeting.

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

- Race People offered \$1000 for stone for the track if we will match it. Passed to building & grounds to decide.

- An opportunity has arisen to purchase more land for parking. 2 acres that touches the fairgrounds and has its own access to (Need to know taxes and land valuation).

- Insurance agent has reached out to start working on quotes.

- Pricing for inside, outside commercial space, Jr Fair Camping, and vendor camping.

**Motion 24-19:** Kevin K motioned to keep Commercial Space Pricing, Jr Fair Camping and vendor camping the same as last year for 2024's fair. Jill seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- A suggestion for Jr Fair Camping use \$25 as a deposit. This would be their SCAS membership and allow us to track it better.

- Solar Eclipse, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Camping for \$50 starting on Thursday or Friday. move to concessions camping, no dump stations, offer showers and \$10 park on grounds. Nonrefundable.

**Motion 24-20:** Danny S motioned to go into executive session for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Kevin K seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ron C: Yes	Justin D: Yes	Mikayla D: Yes	Dan F: Yes	Bryan G: Yes	Kevin K: Yes
Bill L: Yes	Jill M: Yes	Julie N: Yes	Earl R: Yes	Danny S: Yes	Bob S: Yes
Amber S: Yes	Jill S: Yes	Dave S: Yes	Dave Sw: Yes	Russ T: Yes	Debra T: Yes
Sarah Y: Yes					

All voted yes, Motion Passed.

-No action was taken during executive session.

**Motion 24-21:** Jill S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron C seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 36PM.

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William Locker      *Board President*

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Crystal Bean      *Board Secretary*

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

\* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2024 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.