

**Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 11th, 2024**

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:

Alan Harold - Newly appointed Stark County Commissioner introduced himself to the board.

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday November 11, 2024 board meeting were presented.

Motion 25-1: Danny S motioned to approve the minutes from November 11. Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion 25-2: Bill L motioned to approve the November Treasurer's report as presented. Debra T seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-3: Kevin K motioned to have Charles Harris & Associates prepare the notes for the Hinkle Report for the next 5 years, at a not to exceed cost per year: \$675 - 2024 / \$750 - 2025 / \$825 - 2026 / \$825 - 2026 / \$900 - 2027 / \$975 - 2028 (total \$4,125). Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-4: Drew K motioned to have the Citizens Bank signers be: Cynthia Vickers, Bill Locker, Bryan Griffin, & Russ Thorn. Debra T seconded with 14 voting yes and 4 abstains. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-5: Bill L motioned to approve the 2024 Annual Report that is required by ODA. Dan F seconded. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- OFMA Convention updates.

-Board Compensation checks

Motion 25-6: Bill L motioned to approve the 2024 Board Compensation checks. Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Beef committee is working on classes & rules. Last Saturday was tag in and it went stellar. We had 140 beef and 42 dairy feeders.
- Committees are still working on their rules, they will be turned to Jr Fair Coordinator to present to Sr Fairboard: Jr Fair committee for approval.

Old Business:

- Card readers have been ordered (from Nimishellen Grange donation).
- Admission tax update - we will be exempt according to / Canton City Mayor is claiming otherwise that only gate admission is exempt, not tickets for events

New Business:

- Would like to set up a committee that works with the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They would be the ones to meet and coordinate with them (72 hour notice is required from HoF for meetings). The committee will consist of Ron C, Russ T, Drew K & Bill L.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- They will be back in January. Hopefully by February we will have the years 2021 & 2022 completed and we can move directly into the 2023 & 2024 audit.

Budget:

- Updated budget report.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from November's committee meeting were presented.

Motion 25-7: Bill L motioned to approve the November Committee minutes with corrections. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Fraud training needs completed by the end of the year.

Junior Fair:

- Nothing to report.

PR & Advertising

- Nothing to report.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Minutes from November 25 committee meeting were presented.

Motion 25-8: Bill L motioned to approve the Entertainment Committee minutes from November 25. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Tractor pull & Demo Derby start time moved to 6:30PM
- Band Show: invite out of county schools to perform in the 2025 Band Show.

Speed Committee:

- Check on 2024 Grant paperwork.

Ticket Committee:

- Currently working on 2025 tickets and prices.

Human Resources:

- Employee Contracts & Wages

Motion 25-9: Danny S motioned to set 2025 hourly wages as follows: Part-Time office assistant \$14.75/hr, Office Help \$11.00/hr, Grounds Help \$12.00/hr, Part-Time Grounds Maintenance \$15.00/hr. Russ T seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-10: Danny S motioned to enter into contract with Crystal Bean (Board Secretary) for 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Base hourly rate will be \$17.25/hr. Contract Attached. Earl R seconded the motioned with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-11: Danny S motioned to enter into contract with Julie Pinter (Jr Fair Coordinator) for 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Base hourly rate will be \$16.25/hr. Contract Attached. Debra T seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-12: Danny S motioned to enter into contract with Steve DeJane (Grounds Maintenance Supervisor) for 12/1/24 through 11/30/24. Base hourly rate will be \$18.00/hr for the first 90 days and up to \$20.00/hr after the 90 days. Russ T seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Working on fairbook section.

Exhibition Hall:

- In progress.

Grandstand Galleria:

- In progress.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Storage area to be built.

Grange:

- Working on fairbook section.

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Nothing to report.

Commissary:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Working on updating the contract for 2025.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Working on updating the contract for 2025.

Beef Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

Motion 25-13: Drew K motioned to submit payment of \$100.00 to sanction the 6 horse ladies cart for the 2025 fair. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

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:

- Committee will meet at convention.

Background Checks:

- Will be meeting soon.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Working on compiling a project list for 2025.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Short meeting tonight.

Church:

- Nothing to report.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Working on updating our safety & emergency procedures.

FairEntry:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

- Nothing to report

Golf Cart:

- Nothing to report

SCAS Hall of Fame:

- Nothing to report.

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

Motion 25-14: Russ T motioned to send 3 items to be sold at auction. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-15: Dan F motioned to adjourn the meeting. Danny S seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Jill 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.