

**Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 12th, 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, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Drew Kissel,
Bill Locker, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling,
David Stock, Russ Thorn, Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Dan Farnham, Jill McNeil, Danny Schmucker,

Guest:

- Gavin Milosevich: (Jr Fair) They will be having a square dance on May 17th, 2025. The Jr Fair Theme for 2025 is the Wild, Wild West.

Secretaries Report:

- Minutes from Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 board meeting were presented.

Motion 25-26: Bill L motioned to approve Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 Board Meeting minutes with corrections. Drew K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion 25-27: Bill L motioned to approve the January's Treasurer report. Deb T seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- Dee Downerd has is now working in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-Contracts for outside vendors have gone out.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Rules are getting approved and posted.

- Projects are getting put together for what to work on this year.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Discussion on moving monies into higher interest bearing accounts.

Motion 25-28: Bryan G motioned to transfer another \$50,000 from Citizens account to KeyBank interest bearing account Justin D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Building & Grounds:

- Discussion on allowing the Monster Truck show to return this year.

- Grounds supervisor position is open back up again; committee is discussing with Ernie B to fulfil that role.

-Stall Rent Increase

Motion 25-29: Russ T motioned to raise stall rent to \$50 per stall for all racehorse barns starting 2026. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

-Manure Hauling

Motion 25-30: Russ T motioned to hire Bull Country Compost to haul manure at \$230 per dumpster as needed. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capital Improvement Fund Coordination:

- Nothing to report.

Strategic Future Building Plans:

- Bell Store Arena addition

Motion 25-31: Kevin K motioned to hire Pole Barns direct build the addition on the BellStores Arena, not to exceed \$55,000. Drew K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-32: Kevin K motioned to have GBC design do preliminary drawings and renderings for the Small Animal Complex and the 4H / Grange Building, not to exceed \$12,000. Justin D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

Motion 25-33: Kevin K motioned to approve all proposed Jr Fair project rules except pigmy and dairy beef feeders. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

PR & Advertising

- Meeting with ProjectLive.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

Motion 25-34: Kevin K motion to approve enter into contract with All American Petting zoo, Agripuppets, and Rock-N-Circus for grounds entertainment during fair. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Speed Committee:

- New photographer for the winners circle.

Motion 25-35: Travis S motioned to hire Diane Wise as the race photographer for \$150. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ticket Committee:

- Presented updated ticket pricing for 2025 fair.

Motion 25-36: Bill L motioned to update the ticket pricing for fair as presented. (See attached sheet in Motion book). Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Human Resources:

- Nothing to report.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Exhibition Hall:

Motion 25-37: Bill L motioned to keep Exhibition Hall booth pricing the same as 2024's fair. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes.

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:

- Working on updating contracts and pricing.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Schedule change

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

Motion 25-38: Drew K motioned to hire judges, announcers, ring man and the clerk for the 2025 Draft Show & Go, not to exceed \$1,000. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Poultry:

- New processor

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 / Demo Derby:

- Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- Pricing is all set.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Additional Security Cameras

Motion 25-39: Travis S motioned to hire Media 144 to install 3 new security cameras, not to exceed \$16,000. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Church:

- Nothing to report.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Nothing to report.

BlueRibbon:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

- Still waiting on a few sections to be turned in.

Golf Cart:

- Nothing to report.

SCAS Hall of Fame:

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

Motion 25-40: Justin D motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron C seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

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.