

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 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, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Drew Kissel,
Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker, 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: Kevin King

Guest:

- Mark Zimmerman (Jr Fair Horse Committee): The committee is looking to do some self-funded projects, some of which include new wash stalls and concrete in the stall where the office area is. A full list was presented to the Building & Grounds Committee at their meeting on March 5, 2025. We also have secured a donor for a new announcers shed to use for Jr Fair Horse events.
- Blake Brenner (father to 4H participant Addi Brenner, and Kelli Brenner): Would like to let the board know that they plan on filing a grievance against the Jr Fair Dairy Committee. It will be regarding the Jr Fair Dairy Market Steer Rules and the genetic testing requirement.

Secretaries Report:

- Minutes from Wednesdays, February 12th, 2025 board meeting were presented.

Motion 25-41: Travis S motioned to approve the February 12, 2025, board meeting minutes with corrections. Drew K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion 25-42: Travis S motioned to approve the February Treasurers report as presented. Danny S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- We have received many Intent to Return letters back from vendors. They have until March 31 to respond back on whether they are coming or not.
- Working on getting application out to previous Exhibition Hall vendors for this year's fair.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- In person Quality Assurance is at the Foltz Center on March 27. Working on test-out dates.

Old Business:

- Discussion on needing to be careful regarding verbiage that is said on behalf of the board.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Still waiting to hear back from the state on when they will be resuming the audit.

Budget:

- We are going to try to meet about 10 minutes before each monthly board meeting to discuss any changes that need to be made.

Building & Grounds:

Motion 25-43: Russ T motioned to pay Strouble Trucking for hauling concrete blocks from Reliable Ready Mix to the Fairgrounds on February 4, 2025 in the amount of \$1,500.00, blocks are for the Pulling Track wall. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Discussion on Jr Fair Horse Committee wanting to do self-funded projects within the barn.

Motion 25-44: Mikayla D motioned allow the Jr Fair Horse Committee complete projects in the Horse Barn, staying within the confines of the list given to the Building & Grounds Committee. Sarah Y seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ron C: YES	Justin D: YES	Mikayla D: YES	Dan F: YES	Bryan G: YES
Drew K: YES	Bill L: YES	Jill M: YES	Julie N: YES	Earl R: NO
Danny S: YES	Travis S: YES	Amber S: YES	Dave S: YES	Russ T: YES
Debra T: NO	Cindi V: NO			

The votes are: 15 YES and 3 NO, Motion Passed.

Motion 25-45: Danny S motioned to approve the March 5, 2025, Building and Grounds report as presented. Bill L seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capital Improvement Fund Coordination:

- Nothing to report.

Strategic Future Building Plans:

- Commissioners are moving forward with upgrading the electric for the entire fairgrounds. A consultant from HEI Engineering will be coming in to tour the grounds to view the electric and see what our needs would be. He will give his report to the commissioners.
- Committee has received estimates for getting rendering of drawings, we will be meeting next week to go over discuss this further. We want to make sure the building will match and to put forth our vision of what we as a board would like to see.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- A Jr Fair Grievance form was created so that when a grievance is filed, the proper steps have already been taken before it comes to the Sr. Fair Board. These steps are outlined in the Jr Fair Committee Constitution.
- A Jr Fair Committee meeting will be scheduled with the Brenners and Dairy Committee to hear out his problem and possibly come to a working solution for both parties.

PR & Advertising

- Will be meeting next week with Project Live.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Concerts will be announced next month and in June
- Boards thought on having a farmer baby contest at the Pavilion.
- Received a quote for a 2 Day sanctioned rodeo for \$48,940 for an all-inclusive show, including prize money.
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Speed Committee:

- Huff's Guide was updated.

Ticket Committee:

- Getting ready to order them.

Human Resources:

- The HR Committee met on Friday, February 28 at 11:30AM to interview Ernie Bichsel for the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor position. The committee discussed what we expect from Ernie and he also shared his thoughts. He has been employed by us for approximately 3 years, so he knows the fair and would like input on who we hire for part-time grounds help. He would also like a 3-day weekend every month and is willing to adjust hours as needed during the year.

Motion 25-46: Danny S motioned to hire Ernie Bichsel as the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor at \$18/hr. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Thanked those who helped with the water leak clean up.

Exhibition Hall:

- Working on getting application out.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Discussed ideas for what to do or have in there.

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 finalizing the camping contracts and getting them out in the next month. Full payment will be due by Tag-In day. The amount will be the same as in 2024, \$250.
- Discussed idea of paying for a 3 day pumping pass or prepaying for pump outs.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Working on securing the last judge.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Good.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Their clinic went well.
- Working on securing the judges.

Rabbits:

- Nothing to report.

Sheep:

- Nothing to report.

Swine

Motion 25-47: Sarah Y motioned to pay Makenah Rohr \$250 to provide a Swine Showmanship Clinic. Mikayla D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Gates:

- Nothing to report.

Parking

- Nothing to report.

Police:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Discussed earlier.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Received final confirmation on classes for the Pulls.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Perry Grange will be donating \$1,000 towards landscape improvements.
- Trees were removed in front of the lobby area of the Exhibition Hall. Concrete and paver bricks will be donated by Whitaker & Greer to fill in the area making a usable, low maintenance patio.

Motion 25-48: Russ T motioned to make improvements to landscape around the grounds, not to exceed \$2,500. Bill L seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Perry Grange will also be donating \$2,000 towards the new Grange / 4H Building

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Media 144 has placed us on their schedule for when the weather breaks to install new cameras.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Church:

- Nothing to report.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Jr Fair will be holding First Aid and CPR training on April 27 in the JR Fair Building.
- Reached out to the Sheriffs for an active shooter safety plan.

BlueRibbon:

- Working on updating sections within BlueRibbon as they are received by the office.

Fair Book:

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

Golf Cart:

- Working on obtaining a quote for this year's fair.

SCAS Hall of Fame:

- Nothing

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

Motion 25-49: Bill L motioned to pay the \$25 fee for any director who would like to attend the Spring District 9 meeting held at Wayne County Fairgrounds. Drew K seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 25-50: Ron C motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan F seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

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.)