

**Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Durkin, Mikayla Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Drew Kissel, Kevin King,
Bill Locker, Daniel McCracken, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Ashley Royer,
Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock,
Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator:

Absent: Julie Pinter

Guest:

- John Wise, Stark County Beekeeper Assc., is looking for a meeting room that has a screen and Wi-Fi. They meet the first Tuesday @7pm of every month. They would need room for 30-35 people.

The board will discuss their request and let them know of their decision.

- Brian Miller, Jr Fair Auction Committee, proposed to the board their idea of reducing the auction days down to 2 and running some auctions simultaneously.

Secretaries Report:

Motion 26-45: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, February 11, 2026, with corrections. Bill L seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Februarys Treasurers report was presented to the board.

Motion 26-46: Travis S motioned to approved the Februarys Treasurer's report as presented. Kevin K seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-47: Danny S motioned to approve the payment of Februarys checks. Dave Sw seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-48: Bill L motioned to allow the Treasurer the ability to transfer funds from the municipal account ending in xx0310 at Citizens Bank to the KeyBank account ending in xx0950 to cover monthly expenses. Cindi V seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- Office to return to summer hours starting March 30.

- District 5 & 9 Spring Meeting

Motion 26-49: Bill L motioned to pay the \$25 per person fee for 4 attendees at the District 5 & 9 Spring Meeting at Lake County Fair. Dan M seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Audio recording equipment purchase.

Motion 26-50: Sarah Y motioned to purchase audio recording equipment for the purpose of recording board meetings, not to exceed \$500. Justin D seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- March 15 enrollment deadline for 4H.

Old Business:

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New Business:

Motion 26-51: Cindi Vickers motioned to reimburse SCAS for the deposit payment to Your Freedom Title for land purchase on March 4, 2026 for \$4,500. Money to be paid from the Beaver Excavating account ending in xx5115 as a check. Property address is Brandt Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708. Purchased authorized by Executive Committee on February 24, 2026. Travis Secrest seconded the motion, with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-52: Cindi Vickers motioned to pay the balance due of \$34,000 to Your Freedom Title Partners LLC (File Number 26-3181-YFT) by wire transfer. Money to be paid from the Beaver Excavating Account ending in xx5115 Consumers Bank. It is for 2.46 acres on Brandt Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708. Travis Secrest seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-53: Cindi V motioned to adopt the attached resolution for the purchase of the 2.46 acres located at Brandt Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708. Authorizing Jill E Sterling to sign on behalf of the Stark County Agricultural Society, Inc. to acquire the property. Travis S seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Justin D - YES	Mikayla D - YES	Dan F - YES	Bryan G - YES
Kevin K - YES	Drew K - YES	Bill L - YES	Dan M - YES
Jill M - YES	Julie N - YES	Earl R - YES	Ashley R - YES
Danny S - YES	Travis S - YES	Amber S - YES	Dave St - YES
Dave Sw. - YES	Russ T - YES	Cindi V - YES	Sarah Y - YES

20 - YES's, Motion Passed.

Motion 26-54: Cindi V motioned to purchase 3 beer permits: A F2 permit (\$150) for the Jr Fair Buyer's Dinner on April 26, 2026 and 2 F permits (\$40 each) for during the week of fair (Sept 1 - 7, 2026), not to exceed \$230. Russ T seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-55: Cindi V motioned to accept the executive committee minutes from Feb. 24, 2026. Danny S seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds:

Motion 26-56: Russ T motioned to purchase 2 replacement scrub brush heads from Global Industrial, not to exceed \$960. Travis S seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-57: Russ T motioned to contract with Finney Refrigeration to furnish and install 3 smart gas valves and flames sensors, along with installing a main shut off valve for the gas line into the Art Hall, not to exceed \$3,610. Bill L seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-58: Russ T motioned to contract Finney Refrigeration to disassemble and clean all tube heater burners and inducer assembly, clean flame sensors, check all electrical connections and controls, flues and tubes, gas pressure, burner and check operation of tube heaters in the Exhibition Hall for the amount of \$4,160. Travis S seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-59: Russ T motioned to purchase a Jetter hose and nozzle for pressure washer unit to clean storm drains, not to exceed \$200. Drew K seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-60: Kevin K motioned to approve the Building & Grounds March 2026 committee meeting minutes. Cindi V seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-61: Russ T motioned to approve the Building & Grounds meeting minutes from September & October 2025. Earl R seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Junior Fair:

Motion 26-62: Kevin K motioned to approve the Jr Fair Auction Committee proposals for changes to the auction schedule during fair. To approve combining some auctions and running some auctions at the same time, in an effort to stream line the auctions. Earl R seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Entertainment:

Motion 26-63: Kevin K motioned to hire for outdoor entertainment of Cincinnati Circus Company featuring a Grandstand Danger show w/ motorcycle cyclone (3 shows per day) all 7 days of the fair, not to exceed \$16,500. Jill M seconded with 19 voting yes and 1 abstain (Drew Kissel). Motion Passed.

Human Resources:

Motion 26-64: Danny S motioned to raise office help \$0.25/hour for 2026. All other assistant positions remain the same pay as 2025. Jill M seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-65: Bill L motioned to approve HR Committee minutes from March 9, 2026. Cindi V seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Jr Fair Camping:

- Will be ready to send out this month. We would like to propose a prepay pump out option for campers.

Beef Cattle:

Motion 26-66: Amber S motioned to hire 3 qualified judges for the beef department to judge the Junior Fair cattle shows and Showmanship, not to exceed \$1,620. Earl R seconded the motion with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-67: Amber S motioned to hire one qualified judge for the beef department to judge the Open Class Haul in Show not to exceed \$600. Cindi V seconded the motion with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Draft Horses:

Motion 26-68: Bill L motioned to pay the fee to sanction the 6 horse cart and ladies cart class at the Draft Show & Go. Dan M seconded the motion with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Rabbits:

Motion 26-69: Cindi V motioned to pay judges for Jr Fair show and showmanship, not to exceed \$1,600. (1 rabbit judge, 1 cavy judge, 1 market judge, 2 rabbit showmanship judges, 1 cavy showmanship judge. Bill L seconded the motion with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-71: Cindi V motioned to change the premium schedule from 15 in a class to 10 in a class pay out for open class rabbits. The pay out will be slightly higher for 1st - 5th place. No change in budget amount used for the open class rabbit show. Danny S seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Swine

Motion 26-70: Cynthia V motioned to approve the signatories of the Stark County Agricultural Society, Inc Jr Fair Swine Committee of Colleen Essig, Jacob Samblanet and Paul McCarty. Jill M seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Working on updating maps for better coordination, including labeling all gates.
- Will provide an updated Safety Manual soon.

Blue Ribbon:

Motion 26-72: Cindi V motioned to pay MarTech Systems \$407 for 2026 Blue Ribbon Support Renewal and Online Entries Support. Sarah Y seconded with all present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Fair Book:

- Big sections have been completed. Finalizing smaller sections with an estimated completion date of mid-April.

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

Motion 26-73: Dan F motioned to adjourn the meeting. Danny S seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

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 2026 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.