

**Stark County Agricultural Society**  
**Senior Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 24th , 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, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling,  
David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Jill McNeil, Danny Schmucker,

Guest: Tyler Parker, Heather Walker

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday July 10, 2024, board meeting were presented.

**Motion 24-100:** Dave Sw motioned to approve the minutes from July10, 2024 with corrections.  
Deb T seconded with 17 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Audit will take place after fair.

- Check request forms need to be turned into the Treasurer so they can be ready first day of fair.

Office Report:

- District 9 Fall Round Table is Monday, Sept. 30 at the Portage County Fairgrounds (6:30PM).

- Letter from David Crawford (Stark County 4H Ext. Office), requesting support for the 2024 4H Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

-Jr Fair entries close this Friday.

- Jr Fair royalty interviews are tomorrow.

- Blood drive on August 11.

- Ice is ordered for fair and will be the same as last year.

Old Business:

- Jr Fair & Open Class Horses Barn relocation issue: If we allow one person to move, how is that fair to other open class exhibitors? Further Discussion on issue.

The board agrees that their previous motion (Motion 24-58) stands. There will be no further discussion on this issue.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

**Motion 24-101:** Bryan G motioned to hire Spotless Cleaning for Grandstand cleaning during fair, At the price of \$2,280. Justin D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-102:** Bryan G motioned to hire Spotless Cleaning for restroom cleaning during the fair, at the cost of \$10,670.40. Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-103:** Bryan G motioned to hire the Stark County Sheriff's Department for security during the fair, at the cost of \$84,480. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-104:** Bryan G motioned to have OD Miller upgrade the electric in the McKinley Building at the cost of \$2,950. Dave Stock seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-105:** Russ T motioned hire Patterson Specialty services for 21 portable single restroom units, 4 portable handicap restroom units, 7 handwashing stations, 4 hand sanitizer dispensers, 1 VIP restroom trailer for 7 days (Aug 27 -Sept 2) in the amount of \$10,586. Jill S seconded with all voting yes

**Motion 24-106:** Russ T motioned to purchase a floor scrubber at the cost of \$12,301.73. The funds come from the state grant money. Ron C seconded with all voting yes.

**Motion 24-107:** Dave Sw motioned to purchase a used loader for \$35,000. Motion died due to lack of second.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

**Motion 24-108:** Kevin K motioned to follow JR Fair recommendations that we opt in to the breed rules and tampering laws, to opt out of state rules regarding who can help with 4H livestock (keeping this rule that same as previous years). Justin D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Scholarship deadline is extended to August 15.

PR & Advertising

- Would like to mention sponsors on facebook.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

**Motion 24-109:** Jill S motioned to hire 2-3 fairgrounds announcers for the 2024 Fair. Rate being \$15 per hour. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-110:** Jill S motioned to hire a fair photographer at a flat rate of \$1,000 for the week of the fair. Justin D seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- The mullet contest is ready and posted online. Would be a good opportunity for a sponsor for next year if it is a good turnout.
- Scripts for announcers need to be turned into to office or Jill.

Speed Committee:

- Sawdust for horses.

**Motion 24-111:** Kevin K motioned to purchase #9 limestone for the Horse track not to exceed \$2,500. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- New drag for track
- Any of the board who has a business that would like to be a sponsor for the races, \$75

**Motion 24-112:** Earl R motioned to order a new 15ft flag pole, not to exceed \$350. Russ T seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

- Nothing to report.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Exhibition Hall:

- Nothing to report

Grandstand Galleria:

- Want to build a trade show display hall of fame for ag society.

**Motion 24-113:** Kevin K motioned not to exceed \$4000 for some type of display under the Grandstand. Ron C seconded with 17 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

**Motion 24-114:** Russ T motioned to hire 9 Grange judges (\$1,240) and a nightly cleaning person (\$100) for total amount \$1,340. Travis S seconded with all voting yes.

4H Building:

- Repairs to the building are done.

Wildlife Building:

- Good

Outside Food & Games:

- Good

Commissary:

- Good

Jr Fair Camping:

- Good

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Good

Beef Cattle:

- Good

Dairy Cattle:

- Good

Goats:

- Nothing

Ponies:

**Motion 24-115:** Mikayla D motioned to hire a pony judge, not to exceed \$250. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Draft Horses:

- Working on sanctions for show.
- Time is wrong in book, need to be updated in trifold.

Poultry:

- Good

Rabbits:

- Good

Sheep:

- Good

Swine

- Good

Gates:

- Good

Parking

- Good

Police:

- Discussed earlier
- Next year pricing will go up to \$95,000 for security.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Good

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Good

Background Checks:

- Code of Conduct and Ethics code need to be signed and returned to office.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Good

Technology:

- Commissioners approved funding for cameras, computers and networking.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

**Motion 24-116:** Jill S motioned for Kingways sign to do signage for sponsors and buildings not to exceed \$8000. Russ T seconded with 17 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Church:

- All good

Health & Safety (EMS):

**Motion 24-117:** Jill S motioned to contract with the City of Canton for first aid and ambulance services during fair, not to exceed \$22,000. Earl R seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Send complementary tickets to Wilmot for previous years service.

BlueRibbon:

- Online entries are coming in.

Fair Book:

- Nothing to report.

Golf Cart:

-Nothing to report.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- T-shirts and polos for board directors and staff.

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

**Motion 24-118:** Dan F motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron C seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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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.