

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

President: Jill Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Drew Kissel, Bill Locker, Daniel McCracken, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas,
Earl Rohn, Ashley Royer, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Dave Swartz, Rus Thorn, Cindi Vickers,
Sarah Yungen

Assistant Secretary: Leslye Downerd

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Justin Durkin, Mikayla Durkin, Dan Farnham, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker,
Crystal Bean.

Guest: Tyler Parker

Secretary's Report:

Motion 26-126: Bill L. motioned to approve the minutes of Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

David St seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

June's Treasurer report was presented to the board.

Motion 26-127: Bill L. motioned to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented.

Julie N. seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-128: Bill L. motioned to approve the check payments for the month of June.

Dave S seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

- Cindi addressed using check request forms to issue payments to judges. She also needs a copy of the signed judge contract to accompany the check request for audit purposes.

Office Report:

- The board was updated about upcoming events.
- The office needs any requests for grandstand comp tickets by August 17. Requests made during the week of fair may not be able to be filled.
- Please notify the office of any hotel rooms needed for your department.
- Fair Promoter, Kirk Greaves, submitted Stark County Fair Board Report, 7/8/2026, for review by the board. It was noted that Kirk's photography offer will be utilized during the Fair.

Jr. Fair Coordinator Report:

- Auction Committee "Meat & Greet" on June 11, was well attended with good feedback.
- Worked with OSU Extension on Entries integration to go live July 8, 2026. Keeping deadline of July 24, 2026.
- Rabbits coming Saturday, July 11.

- Beyond Barriers Kids and Committee on Sunday, July 12, for 4-H Kids and adults with a Meet & Greet from 9 am – Noon. Julie N leading this program.
- Sarah Y asked about auction processors, to which Julie P. responded all processors have been contacted.
- Nick Kennedy has been authorized to pick up the Buyer's passes, with Lyle Printing doing mass mailings within 7 days.

Old Business:

- Reminder that there will be no July picnic hosted by Senior Board/Jr. Fair Board.

New Business:

- Dan M presented a request from some committee members and Farm Bureau to create a small sign for an animal pen indicating an animal project raised by a proud Farm Bureau family. Permission of the board was given to proceed.
- NewPointe Community Christian Church has requested their group help with any clean-up projects at the Fairgrounds for their Community Impact Day on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Some board members must be present to direct their efforts.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds:

Motion 26-129: Russ T. motioned to approve contracting with Patterson Services to supply port-a-johns and shower trailer and RV pumping for the 2026 Fair week for the amount of \$15,513.00.

Earl R seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

Motion 26-130: Russ T motioned to approve contracting with Spotless Cleaning to clean restrooms During the 2026 Fair for the amount of \$14,408.00 and to clean the grandstand seating area and the Pavilion area for the amount of \$2,850.00, for a total amount of \$17,258.00.

Julie N seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

Motion 26-131: Bill L. motioned to approve the Buildings & Grounds Committee minutes for July 1, 2026.

Cindi V seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

- Jill S expressed concerns about the bunny barn north and south ends have black plastic covers on the eaves, and the east and west sides have wood nailed over the eaves, which is thought left over from the Carnival of Horrors. These need to be cleared out and opened up.
- Bee Keepers want to use the Jr. Fair building the last week of August which will not work. They will change dates for meeting to October and November.

Capital Improvement Campaign/Fund Coordination:

- Planning meeting of Commissioners and community people met on June 22, 2026, they will have a massive survey for funding, reaching in varied directions. Jill encouraged everyone and anyone (business, suppliers, 4-H groups, community groups) participate with ideas and for funding. They even asked us to investigate using Brinks to transport money during Fair week, which Board members did not look on favorably.

Junior Fair Committee:

- Jill McN committee had meeting late June, 2026, to change some wording to approved fitter/clipper application when we changed to follow State rule for people to help 4-H kids. We need to post the application July 9, 2026, so we have them back by August 1, 2026. The approved fitter/clipper people will have a specially colored wristband that allows them to be there to help 4-H kids.
- Concern about genetic testing, the issue took care of itself.
- Can the office be open during Skill-A-Thon, July 25, 2026? Club wristbands request forms must be received in office in time to fill the order by 7/25/26.
- Julie P can provide from Entry Report all 4-H kids bringing animals to Cindi V. to prepare premium envelopes.
- Julie P requested that Jr. Fair/Julie be copied on any requests made to OSU Extension office so she has a record of the request, and keep in a central place.

Motion 26-132: Bill L motioned to approve the Junior Fair Committee report.

Julie N seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

PR & Advertising:

- Kevin K reported that Kirk Greaves is working on social media posts. Kevin will ask him to post encouragement to enter Grange and Art Hall entries.
- Country Fest was happy with signage.
- Kevin will work on stickers for existing yard signs and order several more for this year.

Entertainment:

- Committee meeting July 1, Opening Ceremony, Canton South's Sounds of South singing National Anthem.
- Sending formal invitations to local politicians.
- Reviewed schedule for Fair. Tractor Pull Pit Passes keep eye on passes. Grounds entertainment.
- Kevin K reported that Marlboro Volunteers has a 53 foot trailer that is a Military Museum and can fit it in with Grounds entertainment. To be manned at least Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If we are interested Kevin will have a motion for the next meeting.
- Ticket sales: Jason Bonham Led Zeppelin 362 tickets; Trace Adkins 995 tickets to date.

Motion 26-133: Kevin K motioned to approve the Entertainment Committee report.

Russ T seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed

Speed Committee:

Motion 26-134: Earl R motioned to sponsor the 2026 Harness Race with a donation of \$75.00.

Drew K seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

- Needs a starting gate for the Weiner Dog Racing. Kevin K will ask Eshelman to see if he can do one.
- Looking for a sponsor for \$2,500.00 for the Weiner Dog Race.

Ticket Committee:

- Bill L is working on contracts. Working on tickets, etc for Sponsors.

Superintendent Reports:

Art Hall:

Motion 26-135: Julie N motioned to approve Art Hall Judges at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Drew K seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

Exhibition Hall:

- Bill L working on a variety of things to fill.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Both political parties and Sheriff will be there. Skipco will put a truck there as sponsor of the Demo Derby. We will have a cider mill and the SCAS Hall of Fame Historical display will be there.

Wildlife Building:

- Bill L needs to get contract signed.

Outside Food & Games:

- Drew K reminded that Arcade will need a license before Fair because officials are checking closely.

Commissary:

- Dave S stated that if you take a case of water, be sure to put a case back to keep it cold.

Jr. Fair Camping:

- Sarah Y reported on a camper that requested a refund due to special circumstances.

Motion 26-136: Kevin K motioned to approve refund the camping cost for special circumstances subject to Jr. Fair Camping committee approval.

Julie N seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

Goats:

- Jill McN the committee is ordering 12 new pens. They have enough money as a committee.
- Open Class goats may not be able to house goats due to lack of space since more 4-H kids are showing goats.

Draft Horses:

- Drew got judges and announcers, but failed to follow up with a Ring Man, so he is still looking for one.
- Earl R may be able to help in a pinch.

Poultry:

- Julie N thanked whoever power washed the Poultry Barn.
- Designed a faster, more efficient pick up of 3,900 broiler chicks using Art Hall as a drive-thru on Tues., 7/14.
- Committee met and worked well together on Skill-A-Thon books, and will be set for July 25.

Rabbits & Cavy:

- Jill S presented an issue that they cannot find an ARBA Cavy judge to do their Open Show on the date it was advertised. The club asked to move their show to accommodate a judge that they can get. The Committee will be responsible for notification of changes.

Motion 26-137: Jill S motioned that the Senior Board allows the Stark County Rabbit Club to make adjustments that work for that barn.

Bill L seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

Sheep:

- Jill McN Committee has a meeting and looking to clean sheep barn.

Swine:

Motion 26-138: Sarah Y motioned to approve a market hog judge at a cost not to exceed \$600.00

Drew K. seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion passed.

-Kevin K reported the Swine Barn is fixed.

Gates:

-Bill L reported contracts for Granges and churches should be finalized by end of July with help of Ann Shank.

Parking:

-Jill S reported parking contract with Malone is finalized.

-Hall of Fame parking contract should be finalized this week. Waiting to meet with K. Shifflet from HOF.

-Jill McN reported that Goat Committee is coming on August 9 for a clinic and requested to use Roslyn Gate due to Hall of Fame parking on that day.

Police:

-Bryan G reported there will be no mounted police on the North parking due to problems last year. They will be on golf carts and on foot only.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

-Bryan G reported the water line work on the infield is scheduled for July 15.

-Cindi V requested updated premium payment amounts for Saturday Pull be reported soon.

- Committee meeting will be set up for before next board meeting.

Background Checks:

-Jill S reported they are almost complete with some errors holding up progress.

Landscape Enhancement:

-Russ T stated the following work was done in June: spread 17 yards of mulch, planted 25 flats of annuals, spread stonework at Seventh St. entrance, planted grass at south end of Exhibition Hall, rodent control, removed perennial beds, trimmed around Pavilion.

Shuttles:

- Received sponsorship payment from Sheriff's Dept.

Technology:

-Julie N asked how many PA systems we have because Poultry Committee needs 2.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Kevin K reported that they are still pursuing other sponsors.

-Swine Barn, 4-H Barn sponsorships received, need more permanent signs on those buildings.

-Stark Glass Block will be a sponsor, but cost is in trade to fix the windows on the North end of the Exhibition Hall.

Church:

- Dave S asked if we furnish a microphone. We do.

Blue Ribbon:

-Up and running, entries coming in.

Fair Book:

-Fair Books are in and being taken on a regular basis.

-Amber S has started working on the Fair Tri-fold.

Golf Cart:

-Bill L reported that he is handling.

SCAS Hall of Fame:

-Extending nominations for one more month.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

-Next Board meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

-August meetings: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, and Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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

-Drew K reported GOSA wants to know if they can host a jamboree fundraiser at the Truck & Tractor Pull tent.

-The Board had no objection to said party.

Motion 26-139: Earl R motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Julie N seconded the motion with all directors voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Jill E. Sterling, President

Leslye Downerd, Assistant 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.