

**Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

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, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King,
Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker, 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: Dan Farnham

Guest:

Jr Fair Guests: Caryn Arbogast (Secretary), Caitlyn Arbogast, Royce Hughes (Jr FB President), Emmah Berkeley, Tricia Durkin, Tyler Parker

- Presented the board on what the Jr Fair Board has been doing (ribbons, buckles, building clean up etc...)

Jr Fair Camping Guest: Mitch Evans, Marie Kiplinger, Krista Kiplinger

- Presented concerns on recent changes over Jr Fair camping and wanted to know why these changes were done.

- The board acknowledged that many changes did take place in the camping area. They were done because of fire code, drainage work done and to move campers into rows that would allow them the proper room they needed.

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday, July 24th's board meeting were presented.

Motion 24-119: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from 8/24/24 as presented. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June and July's Treasurers report were presented to the board.

Motion 24-120 : Travis S motioned to approve the June & July's Treasurer's report as presented. Danny S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- Please submit all ticket requests in writing to the secretary.

- Upcoming round table meeting at Portage County Fairgrounds. (Jill S / Cindi V / Debra T)

Motion 24-121: Travis S motioned to pay travel and food expenses for up to 3 Directors to attend the round table. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Th scales being delivered this week.
- The Buyers barn was repainted.

Old Business:

- 4H Advisor Banquet

Motion 24-122: Jill M motioned to donate \$500 to the 4H Advisor Recognition banquet. Danny S seconded, with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from August 7th's meeting were presented.

Motion 24-123: Russ T motioned to repair the clutch on the John Deere tractor, not to exceed \$4000. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-124: Russ T motioned to reimburse Dave Swartz for the purchase of 6 deadman concrete blocks to use at events such as the Demolition Derby. Danny S seconded with 18 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- 6 scholarship applications to go over.

PR & Advertising

- Nothing to report.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Good
- Interview with Canton Repository on Friday.

Speed Committee:

Motion 24-124: Earl R motioned for Sr. Fairboard to sponsor the Harness Racing at the 2024 Stark County Fair at the cost of \$75. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

- Grounds crew help - if you know of anyone, please reach out to Jill M

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

Motion 24-125: Julie N motioned not to exceed \$1300 for judges and support staff in the Art Hall. Earl R seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Exhibition Hall:

- Working on it

Grandstand Galleria:

- Coming along.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

- Nothing to report.

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Good

Commissary:

- Turned on and getting cool.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Will be allowing certain rows to come in a day early.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Lines will be marked soon.

Beef Cattle:

- Entries are slowly coming in

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

Motion 24-126: Jill M motioned to hire judges for Jr Fair & Open Class livestock judges: Goat Judge: Jr Fair Pygmy, Jr Fair Pygmy, Jr Fair Market & Dairy Goat, Open Dairy Goat & Meat Goat (5 Judges NTE \$1600) / Open Class & Jr Fair Wool (NTE \$150) / Poultry Show, Jr Fair Market birds, Jr Fair breeding (NTE \$750) / Carcass judges - 3 shows (NTE \$1300) Total not to exceed \$3,800. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Nothing to report.

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:

- Clinic on Saturday
- We did find draft horses to come in as an exhibition.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Installed new flagpole at Art Hal.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Internet upgrades will all for vendors to have internet and those in the JR Fair campground. A Voucher would be given that allows 2 devices to connect for 14 days. We need to figure out what we would charge.

Motion 24-127: Dave Sw motioned to charge \$50 for Wi-Fi that allows 2 devices to connect for 14 days. Travis S seconded with 6 voting YES and 8 voting NO.
Motion Failed.

Motion 24-128: Earl R motioned to charge \$40 for Wi-Fi that allows 2 devices to connect for 14 days. Cindi V seconded with 13 voting YES and 3 voting NO. Motion Passed

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Church:

- Nothing to report.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Nothing to report.

BlueRibbon:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

- Nothing to report.

Golf Cart:

- Nothing to report.

175th Anniversary:

- Merchandise table will be under the Grandstand.

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

- Check request forms need to be turned into Treasurer.

Motion 24-129: Danny S motion to purchase livestock projects, from 4H kids who submitted buyer's letters, for up to \$1500. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Danny S & Kevin K will act as buyers on the board's behalf.

Motion 24-130: Jill M motioned to move to executive session to consider the employment, dismissal or compensation of a public employee or official. Kevin K seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ron C: Yes	Justin D: Yes	Mikayla D: Yes	Bryan G: Yes	Kevin K: Yes	Bill L: Yes
Jill M: Yes	Julie N: Yes	Earl R: Yes	Danny S: Yes	Amber S: Yes	Jill S: Yes
Dave St: Yes	Dave Sw: Yes	Russ T: Yes	Debra T: Yes	Cindi V: Yes	Sarah Y: Yes

- No action was taken during executive session.

Motion 24-132: Kevin K motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jill S seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

William Locker *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 2024 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.