

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 11th , 2024

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Bill Locker,
Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling,
David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Dan Farnham, Danny Schmucker, Sarah Yungen

Guests: Paul McCarty (Jr Fair Swine Committee)

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from the August board meetings and Fair Week board meetings were presented.

Motion 24-148: Russ T. motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, August 14, 2024.
Dave Sw. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-149: Kevin K. motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, August 21, 2024.
Julie N. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-150: Kevin K. motioned to approve the minutes from Tuesday, August 27, 2024.
Debra T. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-151: Dave St. motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, August 28, 2024.
Dave Sw. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-152: Kevin K. motioned to approve the minutes from Thursday, August 29, 2024 with
corrections. Debra T. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-153: Kevin K. motioned to approve the minutes from Friday, August 30, 2024 with
corrections. Julie N. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-154: Russ T. motioned to approve the minutes from Saturday, August 31, 2024 with
corrections. Debra T. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-155: Russ T. motioned to approve the minutes from Sunday, September 1, 2024.
Debra T. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-156: Russ T. motioned to approve the minutes from Monday, September 2, 2024.
Ron C. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- August's 2024 Treasurers Report was presented to the board.

Motion 24-157 : Debra T. motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Kevin K. seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- Updated the board with upcoming events.

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

- Asked the board to start looking over their sections in the fair book. Entry counts will be provided to each department at the next meeting.

- Contracts for upcoming Winter Storage are coming in. Winter Storage begins Friday, October 25.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- The Jr Fair Auction total was an estimated \$1,466,000 and \$699,196.84 is still outstanding. Payments are being received daily.

- Estimated results of Jr Fair Feed Mill \$13,000 / Jr Fair Milkshake Stand \$27,000 / Ice \$8,600 (Did give away a lot of ice due to heat, worried about health of animals during fair). (Amounts are all before expenses.)

- If ribbons are ordered before October, we will save 25%, it would bring the Jr Fair Ribbon amount to \$8,850. The Jr Fair was given approval to move forward with the ribbon order.

Old Business:

- Nothing

New Business:

- Nothing

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing

Budget:

- Have not started yet, we will be starting on it this coming month.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from 2024 meeting were presented.

- The Grounds Supervisor that was hired before the fair has resigned. We will need to start looking for a new Grounds Supervisor now.

- Any projects that would like to be presented to the County Commissioners for approval need to be submitted to the Building & Grounds Committee ASAP. All projects need to have a quote with them. The Commissioners are wanting all requests by the end of October.

- Dave graded the track after the fair.

- The grounds crew are still working on cleanup.

- Trying to wrap up commissioner requests that were approved this year.

- On October 3 is the state level appeal for the addition of Bell Arena. The appeal will be in Ashland. This is to overturn Canton City's denial of the addition.
- Hoping to have paving done by October, if the county can provide the manpower to do it.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- We have received applications for new volunteer committee members. The Jr Fair / Sr Fair committee will review the applicants and then present them to the SCAS Board Directors for final approval.
- We had 4 resign / retire out from the beef committee.
- Stock the trailer donated 826pds of food.

PR & Advertising

- Need to look into hiring or finding someone to handle our social media accounts during the month of August and the week of Fair.

Privilege:

- Good

Entertainment:

- Nothing to report.

Speed Committee:

- Suggestion of adding a betting booth on the horseman side of the track.

Ticket Committee:

- Working on getting total count on leftover tickets.

Human Resources:

- Need to hire a grounds supervisor.
- Office winter hours will start Monday, September 30. Winter hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9AM - 3PM, closed on Wednesdays.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Working on next year's Fair book. We had a meeting with some of the volunteers to go over their suggestions for next year.

Exhibition Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Nothing to report.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- We need a new lock on the door.

Grange:

- Nothing to report.

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Good.

Commissary:

- Closed and turned off.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- 4 committee members are retiring.
- Would like to have a picnic on October 6.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Pick up is tomorrow at the fairgrounds.

Rabbits:

- Nothing to report.

Sheep:

- Nothing to report.

Swine

- Paul McCarty: Swine to make improvements to the barn for the coming year.

Gates:

- Nothing to report.

Parking

- Good.

Police:

- Good, we came in under budget.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Good

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Planning to propose some changes in the coming month.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Went well.

Technology:

- Camera are installed and working great.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Church:

- Ready to come back next year.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Nothing to report.

BlueRibbon:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

- Discussed earlier under office report.

Golf Carts:

- Nothing to report.

175th Anniversary:

- Thank you to Debra T for her help. Ron Riggs also helped during the fair with the selling of merchandise.
- Commendation to the committee on doing a great job.

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

- Thank you to Joey M for helping with the electricity around the fair.
- Next Wednesday, September 18, we will be having a Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

Motion 24-158: Travis S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron C seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM.

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.