

**Stark County Agricultural Society**  
**Senior Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Bill Locker.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Durkin, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Bill Locker, George Maier, Jill McNeil,  
Earl Rohn, Rebecca Reed, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Jill Sterling,  
David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Cindi Vickers, Robert Shahan

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Ron Chambers (approved), Dan Farnham (approved), Ron Neff (approved), Julie Nicholas (approved) Debra Tournoux (approved)

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**Motion 23-113:** Dave Swartz motioned to suspend regular meeting for guests. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

-Jr Fair Horse Committee member: April Johnston (Stauffer) would like to be added to the checking account for the Jr fair Horses. Liz Bruce would need to be taken off the account as well.

**Motion 23-114:** Becky Reed motioned to return to regular board meeting. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes.

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Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>'s board meeting was presented.

**Motion 23-115:** Travis Secrest motioned to approve the minutes from 6/14/23 with corrections. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- May's Treasurers report was presented to the board.

**Motion 23-116:** Travis Secrest motioned to approve June's Treasurers report as presented. Dave Swartz seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- The Fairbooks have been printed and are available in the office.  
- If you are needing complimentary tickets for Grandstand events, please submit a request in writing to the office.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Milkshake mix has been ordered, and a money safe for the stand.  
- We will be having "Stock the trailer" event again.  
- Ice has been ordered and we have a semitrailer available for use.

Old Business:

- Tabled Motion 23-096: Canton Chair Rental 3 year contract. We received a quote from Sully's for \$3,000 more than Canton Chair.

**Motion 23-117:** Cindi Vickers motioned to contract with Canton Chair & Table Company to rent tables, chairs and draping during the week of the Fair 2023 at the cost of \$5,005.03. To also sign a 3 year contract to lock-in pricing for 2023, 2024 & 2025. Jill Sterling seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- Additional board meetings.

**Motion 23-118:** Jill Sterling motioned for a Special Board Meeting to discuss Fair Planning on Wednesday, July 26 at 7PM. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-119:** Justin Durkin motioned to approve 3 judges for dairy not to exceed \$1500. Earl Rohn seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- A report of the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented.

(The following motions are from discussions within that meeting.)

**Motion 23-120:** Bryan Griffin motioned to hire Bully Country Compost at a rate of \$210.00 per dumpster for animal bedding/waste removal after the fair. Jill Sterling seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion passed.

**Motion 23-121:** Bryan Griffin motioned to hire SCA Sweeping at a rate of \$175 per hour (with a maximum of 14 hours) for the purpose of street sweeping during the 2023 Fair. Kevin King seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-122:** Russ Thorn motioned to pay Wilmot Fire Department \$1200 for services during 2022 Fair events. Travis Secrest seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-123:** Russ Thorn motioned to donate \$1200 to the Wilmot Fire Department for staffing during the 2023 Fair events. Donation should be made before the end of September 2023. Kevin King seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-124:** Russ Thorn motioned to contract with OD Miller Company for staffing and electrical services during the 2023 Fair at the hourly wage of \$55. Contract with Chris Quinn for staffing and plumbing services during the 2023 Fair at the hourly wage of \$51. Dave Swartz seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-125:** Bryan Griffin motioned to send to Kiko Auction, 7 pallets of Halogen (out dated/NON LED) light fixtures donated to the Fair Board. To also send the old 60" finish mower. Justin Durkin seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-126:** Bryan Griffin motioned to purchase a ZD1211L-3-72-24.8HP 72" Commercial ZTR Mower from Unkefer Sales, LLC that costs \$18,300.00. Dave Swartz seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-127:** Russ Thorn motioned to hire Spotless Cleaning & Sanitation to clean all restrooms for 2023 Stark County fair. Not to exceed \$10,500.00. Earl Rohn seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 23-128:** Russ Thorn motioned to contract with Tab's Pest Control to disinfect 11 barns, Jr fair Milkshake stand, JR Fair food stand, George's & pari-Mutuel Building and fogging of grounds. Treat outlying grassy area & perimeter for ticks. 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment of hog barn, treating manure piles & trash cans. Treating remaining trash cans/spots & manure bins on grounds for bees and flies. Starting Friday August 18 and finishing Thursday Sept 7. Not to exceed the amount of \$2,545.00. Travis Secrest seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capitol Campaign / Building Plans:

-Nothing to report

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Nothing to report

Junior Fair:

- Online Entries for 4H are due July 28.

PR & Advertising:

**Motion 23-129:** George Maier motioned to enter into a contract with JM Outdoor Enterprises for a digital sign during the week of the fair. Jill Sterling seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment & Programs:

-Promotions would like to crown our Fair Queen and King at the opening ceremony. OFMA Queen will be here.

**Motion 23-130:** Earl Rohn motioned to add \$50,000 to budget and allow Project Live to begin researching acts for the 2024 Fair. Travis Secrest seconded.

Discussion over motion.

Ballot Vote was called. 10 voted Yes / 4 voted No / 1 abstain.

Motion passed.

**Motion 23-131:** Travis Secrest motioned for approval to enter into agreement with local organizations to scan tickets to Grandstand Events on September 1-4, 2023 (Demo Derbies & Tractor Pulls) Eight (8) person will be required. Payment will be \$400 for each night worked. If the Grandstand event is canceled, half payment will be issued. Kevin King seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Speed Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Ticket Committee:

**Motion 23-132:** Kevin King motioned to raise the food voucher price from \$10 to \$12. Danny Schmucker seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Human Resources:

**Motion 23-133:** Jill Sterling motioned to hire 1 grounds staff at \$12.50/hr (40 hrs per week), with the potential for a bonus during fair week, with a start date July 24<sup>th</sup>. Kevin king seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Exhibition Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Grandstand Galleria:

- In discussion with George's on selling beer and food under the grandstand.

**Motion 23-134:** Jill Sterling motioned to approve the Usher contract between SCAS and the Washington Ruritan Club wherein the Club will provide manpower in seating for the events being held in August 30 through September 4, 2023. The amount to be paid to the club will be \$860. Kevin King seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Agricultural Building:

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

**Motion 23-135:** Russ Thorn motioned to spend no more than \$1,300 to compensate judges for the 2023 Fair to judge Grange displays, vegetables, domestics, landscape contest, honey, flowers, canned goods, and eggs. Included with this motion is to pay Paul Werstler to sweep up the Grange Building 6 nights of the fair. Tuesday - Sunday. Earl Rohn seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

4H Building:

- Hole in floor from waterline project.

Wildlife Building:

- Good

Outside Food & Games:

- Good

Commissary:

- Nothing to report

Jr Fair Camping:

- Currently have 12 on the waiting list.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Good

Beef Cattle:

- Good.

Dairy Cattle:

- Discussed under New Business.

Goats:

- Pens have been ordered.

Ponies:

- Good

Draft Horses:

- Need new clerking team 2- 4 people.

Poultry:

- Chick pick up is this week.

Rabbits:

-Good

Sheep:

- Good

Swine

- Good

Gates:

**Motion 23-136:** Danny Schmucker motioned to enter into contract (as presented) with Dueber Church to work the ticket gates. Earl Rohn seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed

Parking

- Nothing to report.

Police:

**Motion 23-137:** Bryan Griffin motioned to hire the Stark County Sheriff's Department to work security for the fair, Not to exceed \$77,000. Travis Secret seconded with 14 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Jr Fair Horses:

**Motion 23-138:** Jill Sterling motioned to remove Jamie Bruce (Liz Bruce) from the Jr Fair Horse Committee checking account and add April Johnston (April Stauffer). Travis Secret seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

**Motion 23-139:** Dave Swartz motioned to allow up to \$800 be donated towards the Truck & Tractor Pull Meals. Kevin King seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Background Checks:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

**Motion 23-140:** Russ Thorn motioned to purchase mulch, not to exceed \$300. Danny Schmucker seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Rides:

- Waiting on RSVP for Kissel cares head count.

Shuttles:

- Will run from 10AM - 10PM.

Technology:

**Motion 23-141:** Travis Secrest motioned to purchase four (4) PAX A920 Pro Smart Terminals for use of credit card processing at ticket gates. One time set up fee of \$350. / \$14.95 per terminal/ per month - Total \$60 per month for 3 months then deactivated. Flat 4% fee will be assessed to the attendee. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Good.

Fair Book:

- 400 books were printed.

Golf Cart:

- Getting them lined up.

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

**Motion 23-142:** Kevin King motioned to enter into contract (as presented) with the Hall of Fame for parking on August 3 & 5. Bryan Griffin seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

**Motion 23-143:** Jill Sterling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Travis Secrest seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 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 2023 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.