

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society with President Sean Malone, presiding. Regina Bresler, Eric Keener, David Keller, Barb Lamp, Doug Leith, Sean Malone, Jim Marcinko, Nancy Myers, Cheryl Ricketts, Charlie Schultz, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Doug Shell, Abigail Skinner and Connie Smith.

Greg Swinehart was excused.

Roll Call – Quorum.

Also present was Sara Peters-Secretary, Sondra McCabe – Assistant Secretary, Cindy Gilfillen, Julie Littleton, Greg Coulter, Mark Francis, Megan Francis, Web Rice, Carrie Stoneburner, C. Scott Anderson, Leslie Cooksey and Reagan Thomas.

Comments from the guests.

Scott Anderson read to the board Section 1711.07 (A) of the Red Book which states “The board of directors of a county or independent agricultural society shall consist of at least eight members. An employee of the OSU extension shall serve with the board as a nonvoting member.” He questioned why Leslie Cooksey isn’t at the table and retained for private sessions. Sean Malone asks why this is being brought up. Doug Leith and Mark Sharp stated that as Twp. Trustees they have had some experience with this. They said that ORC trumps the Red Book. An executive session in most cases is for only elected members. No one had that code available, Sean Malone stated that we will look into it and provide Scott Anderson with the information he requested.

Leslie Cooksey provided a certificate to the Board on behalf of the Tractor Maintenance Club for allowing them to host their meeting at the fairgrounds.

Gail Ellinger wanted to discuss the camping issue. She stated that she has been consistently present at monthly the Board meetings. She suggested that when a committee meets, they should have it all outlined first before making motions to approve it. It would alleviate much of the confusion and conflict.

Web Rice said that the shingles are in but with the weather it will be next week before they install them. Bloom Carroll has their barn quilts ready. Doug Shaw will have his lift here to put them up. Web Rice also questioned the Board if any of the members are not happy with the restoration project on the Log Cabin. He said he heard from the benefactor paying for the project that some Board members are not happy. Sean Malone stated that he has only heard positive things.

Sec. Report:

Sec. Peters

Motion by David Keller, second by Mark Sharp to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, meeting with the following corrections:

- Remove 0-abstained from motion to increase tickets prices.
- Add the 2022 FairEntry program to the sentence – F. Sean Malone will be moving over the Fair Entry program to Leslie Cooksey on Friday.

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treas. Marcinko

12:32 PM
03/20/23
Accrual Basis

FAIRFIELD CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Balance Sheet
As of March 20, 2023

	<u>Mar 20, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100 · Checking A	123,811.67
1310865 · PNB - Main Checking (New Main Checking for the Agricultrual S...	563,915.27
120990 · FNB - LOTS - CD -2/24/24 (OLD CD # 1061500115437 CAN N...	23,696.17
0214977 · FAIRFIELD NATIONAL BANK-SAVINGS	5,005.40
109 · FAIRFIELD CO FOUNDATION CAP IMP	5,328.32
110 · FAIRFIELD CO FOUNDATION X-MAS	5,157.51
3941199 · BREMEN BANK CENTER -CD-10/10/23 (NEW CD #3941199 1....	26,789.98
6041097 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL S&L -ATM ACCT (BANK ACCOUNT SPECIFC...	6,963.92
6080791 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL - CD 3/15/23 (NEW CD FOR 12 MTHS. AT ...	26,141.06
6083676 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL - CD 7/2/23 (BALANCE OF CD # 1018113...	35,911.37
0310249 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL -G/S SAVINGS (TRANSFERED MONEY FRO...	838.88
4463823 · FIFTH THIRD BANK - CD - 3/3/23 (MONEY TRANSFERRED FRO...	23,824.56
303177 · KINGSTON NATIONAL - CD-11/1/23 (INTEREST RATE 1.0% ON ...	25,624.12
5441476 · PEOPLES BANK - CD - 10/20/23 (TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CD ...	32,718.24
1340149 · PEOPLES BANK -CD- 7/08/23 (TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FNB C...	30,291.18
0039519 · THE SAVINGS BANK - MM (INSURANCE MONEY FROM OLD GRA...	83,475.52
30135 · THE SAVINGS BANK - MM ACCT (MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT @.10...	5,090.81
23743 · THE SAVINGS BANK - CD - 12/1/23 (12 MONTH CD @ .45% DUE ...	20,292.18
2205793 · COMMODORE - CK-JR FAIR BLDG. (JR FAIR BLDG FUND)	3,623.61
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1048499.77</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1048499.77</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1048499.77</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>0.00</u>

Motion by Doug Shaw, second by Abigail Skinner to accept the financial report as of March 21, 2023. Motion carried. Jim Marcinko abstained.

Jim Marcinko explained the reasoning why we spread out the concession contract. Cheryl Ricketts questioned why they aren't all sent out at the same time. Jim Marcinko responded that this allows for a constant flow of money coming in. Cheryl feels that if we get all the money as early as possible, we have it to use all year.

Jr. Fair Building Fund Report:

Treas. Marcinko

Motion by Regina Bresler, second by Barb Lamp to accept the Jr. Fair Building Fund Report as of March 21, 2023. Motion carried. Jim Marcinko abstained.

Committee Reports:

Sale Committee Report –

Malone & Shell

- A. The two new members are Gail Ellinger and Greg Bresler.
- B. Executive Board will meet to go over the Sale Committee's Constitution.
- C. The committee increased the two clerks' pay.
- D. There is discussion from the committee on who to have do their taxes.
- E. There are 4 members with outstanding checks.
 - a. Based on 4-H enrollment records it is one family – Ruff & Varner. No one can get in contact with them. They have tried emailing, calling, and texting without any luck.

Grant Committee Report-

Ricketts

- A. Cheryl Ricketts showed the Board the Drone shots.
 - a. They will be back to take interior pictures and new ones of the Log Cabin with the shingles on.
- B. The website is progressing.

HR Committee Report –

Ricketts

- A. HR Committee has had 5 people submit resumes for the Fair Manager position.
- B. The committee has reached out to other resources to help reach additional candidates.
- C. They asked the Board if they knew someone that might be interested in the position to let one of the members of the HR Committee know.

Camping Committee Report-

Bresler

- A. Nothing to report.

Jr. Fair Report -

Shell

- A. Report on Market Beef Weigh-in on March 11, 2023.
 - a. 6-8 more steers than 2022. 101 total.
 - b. EID tags went well.
 - c. Two Jr. Fair Members were at the weigh in. Doug Shell and Matt Henwood let them run the show. He stated that Jr. Fair Board Members will be more involved moving forward.
- B. Superintendent appointments:
Dairy Cattle – Lori King; Beef Cattle – Desirae Logsdon & Matt Henwood; Swine – Greg Grube; Superintendent MQP Swine – Sean Malone; Sheep – Ginny Kemmerer; Horses – Linda Anderson & Becky Shonebarger-Bell; Dairy Goats – Robin Saum; Pygmy Goats- Nathan Friend; Llamas & Alpacas – Aaron Shaw; Poultry – John Hablitzel; Rabbits- Greg Coulter; Companion Animals – Laura Wall; 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest – James Maynard; Skill-a-thon – Sarah Martin.

Crop- Fairfield Co. Ag Educator; FFA Agriculture Engineering & Production – Fairfield Co. Ag Educator; Miscellaneous – Leslie Cooksey & Aubry Fowler; 4-H Environmental Sciences - Leslie Cooksey & Aubry Fowler; Engineering - Leslie Cooksey & Aubry Fowler; Nutrition – Barb Salyers & Shannon Carter; 4-H Clothing – Shannon Carter; 4-H Health & Other Family & Consumer Sciences – Shannon Carter.

Assistant Rabbit Superintendents – Julie Littleton & Mandi Collins – Remove Kim Root

Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Abigail Skinner to approve the Superintendents for 2023.
Motion carried.

Leslie Cooksey introduces Reagan Thomas to the Board. She was selected as one of two Senior Fairboard representatives for the Junior Fairboard.

- C. Meat/ Market Goat Superintendent
 - a. After interviewing all the candidates, Lisa Ruff and Nathan Crook were selected to be Goat Superintendents.

Motion by Doug Shell, second by Regina Bresler to approve Lisa Ruff and Nathan Crook as Goat Superintendents. Motion carried.

Entertainment Report –

Shaw

- A. A Donkey Dash has been added on Tuesday before the Mule Races.
- B. Jim Marcinko and Doug Shaw have met with a company about repairing/replacing the wood bleachers in the infield. They are still waiting for a quote.
- C. Cheryl Ricketts asked Jim Marcinko to contact Doug Ballinger to see if he will do the Donkey Dash too since he already has a contract to announce the Mule Races.

Fair Managers Report-

Marcinko

- A. Dean Miller is in the process of installing the plumbing for the drains in the new #22 restroom.
- B. Conflict of Interest Forms will be emailed. Directors can look over it and bring it to the April meeting.
- C. Jim Marcinko has been receiving a lot of phone calls regarding the rate increase. He feels the events that were here in 2022 should remain the lower price to allow them to adjust their fees accordingly. Cheryl Ricketts stated she assumed that if they already have a contract they would be locked in at a lower price. Jim explained that not all the contracts have not been sent out. The office had been dealing with a lot of accounting issues that had to come first. Cheryl Ricketts asked why we shouldn't cover our costs when everyone else has raised their prices. Doug Leith asked about the horse shows. Jim Marcinko explained how he charges a horse show (e.g. outdoor arena fees, watering fees, stalling fees). Cheryl suggested that we look at the prices again before next year to make sure they are still comparable.

Motion by Jim Marcinko, second by Doug Shaw to have the 2022 events that are on the 2023 calendar pay the lower rate and increase the cost to meet the new rates in 2024. If they are not on the books as of today, March 21 then they will be charged a higher rate. A roll call vote was taken. Yes- 14; No- 0. Motion carried.

Old Business -

- A. The Board discussed the lean-to addition on the beef barn.
 - a. Doug Leith said they were waiting to see beef numbers before committing to the beef barn addition and the numbers are up.
 - b. Steve Eversole hasn't been able to get a new estimate yet. The quote will include flooring and two garage doors on the east and west end.
 - c. Doug Leith said his only concern is he doesn't want the Board to commit to this and in a couple years tear it down. He feels the Board needs to look at the short term and long-term goals.
 - d. April 22 – Ricketts Hall @ 10:00 a.m. – Whole Board Planning Meeting.
 - i. Mark Francis suggested we need to involve a third-party contractor.

New Business –

- A. District Meeting at Washington Courthouse on Sunday, April 2nd.
 - a. \$23.00 per person
 - b. Business meeting – 10:30 a.m.; Lunch – 12:00 noon; Annual Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

- c. Office needs to know by Friday, March 24.
- B. Motion by Connie Smith, second by Abigail Skinner to purchase a Jack's Scale Honey Grader. Motion carried.
- C. Antique Tractor Club would like to take Bldg. # 9 Garage Building – Old State Building-over. They want to clean it out and fix it up. They would like to sign a long-term lease with the fair board. Notable changes would be to take the existing floor out, paint, repair the roof and put in an overhead door.

Motion by Doug Leith, second by Charlie Schultz to approve signing a 15-year lease with the Antique Tractor Club to take over and fix up the #9 Building. This is subject to insurance approval. Motion carried.

- D. The directors discussed the 25% additional premiums for Open Class Horses, Cattle and Sheep in county exhibitors.
 - a. Sean Malone shared with the Board the idea behind in-county 25%. He said that for bookkeeping purposes it would be easiest to raise premiums.
 - b. Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second Abigail Skinner to remove the 25% additional premium for any open class in county livestock exhibitor where it currently applies and allow the directors to update their premiums accordingly. Motion carried.
- E. Carrie Stoneburner said not too much is going on. She has counted ribbons and is working on spreadsheets.
- F. 2023 Fairbook Changes-
 - Speed- See attached. Cheryl has been working with the OCRA secretary on the changes. Most of the changes were to the rules. She has also received recommendations to purchase plaques instead of horse blankets.
 - Horses- See attached. Connie Smith has been in discussion with Jackie Underschultz on a more simplified showbill for the Mule, Pony, and Donkey Show.
 - Beef Cattle- See handout. Changes to the dates. Change the upper weight of cattle for the Prospect Show to 850 lbs.
 - Dairy Cattle- No book changes.
 - Sheep- Change the location – North End of AAA Bldg. Change the dates.
 - Hogs- See handout. Add “All animals must be removed from the fairgrounds after the show.”
 - Farm Products-See handout. Add – Tallest Sunflower. Change entry time on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday entry drop off are by appointment only.
 - Apples-No changes.
 - Flowers – See handout. Add three cut flower classes.
 - Bees- See handout. Change sponsor to Fairfield Co. Beekeepers Association
 - Food For the Home- See handout. Change the premiums for Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Canned Goods, and Dehydrated Dried Foods to \$5, \$4, \$3. New Sponsor for 2023.
 - Motion by David Keller, second by Regina Bresler to approve increasing premium for Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Canned Goods, and Dehydrated Dried Foods to \$5, \$4, \$3. Motion carried.
 - Needlework- See handout. Change premiums.
 - Hobbies & Antiques- See handout. No changes.
 - Amateur Photography- Nothing to report at meeting.

Fine Arts- Nothing to report at meeting.

Motion by Doug Shaw, second by Charlie Schultz to approve the proposed changes to the 2023 Fairbook. Motion carried.


G. Other business for the good of the Society.

A. Constitution Committee – Eric Keener, Abigail Skinner, Connie Smith, Sean Malone

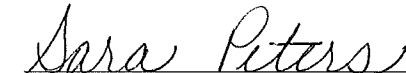
B. Doug Leith says Ohio State Fair will need 50-60 pens. Antique Tractor Club will transport them. Doug Leith said he will have the numbers to the Board at the April meeting.

C. Antique Tractors have been invited to have a display at the Ohio State Fair in 2023.

Motion by David Keller, second by Regina Bresler to adjourn meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried.



Sean Malone, President



Sara Peters, Secretary