

WILLIAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

President Matthew Kennedy * Vice President Josh Mercer

**February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Thaman Building
Montpelier, OH 43543**

- I. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- II. **Roll Call** – 14 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Excused
Auxiliary Directors: 1 Present, 1 Absent, 1 Excused
- III. **Requests for the Floor:** We did not have any requests for the floor but Summer Owens is here and she is interested in being on the Board. This will make her second meeting.
- IV. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the January 16, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed
- V. **Treasurers Report** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept January 2020 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports - Matt** / The agreement has been signed for the Poultry Barn, once it has been built it will be turned over to the County and will be managed per the ORC 1711.31 by the Ag Society. **Josh** / working on gates and how to cut costs there. **Dave** / Midway Entertainment is booked:
Saturday Night: Pete Schlegal
Sunday Afternoon: Voices of Ohio
Sunday Night: Jesse (country)
Monday: Karaoke / Magic Show
Tuesday: Weekend Warriors
Wednesday: 2 Church Choirs – Worship Bands
Thursday: Blue Grass / Country group
Friday: Electric Circus
Saturday: Kook & Bell
Spring Thaw set up is on February 26th at 7:00pm, all three buildings are being used. We need to tear down the 4-H building and move the partitions. March 14th – work day to get items around for the auction on April 4th. Rain date is March 21st. **Danyel** / Gillette Building: The Antique Committee met February 10th, they approved new classes and rule changes, the judge is hired. Flowers approved rule changes, waiting on classes from Garden Clubs. Horticulture approved rule changes and judge is hired. Jr Fairboard: The kids picked their ribbon colors, this year they will be maroon and pink. The Maple Festival will be March 28th, the Jr

Fairboard kids will be working at the Maple Festival if anyone is available and wants to help it would be appreciated. **Ric** / Someone contact him about having 3 to 6 more Combines for the Combine derby. **Joe** / Open Goat Show, the judge is hired. For the 4-H shows we have 1 chicken judge and 1 rabbit judge. Stacy Perry talked about Ractopamine and if it should be banned from the County Fair. It has already been banned at the State Fair. Add the Ractopamine discussion to New Business.

VII. Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda with the addition of Ractopamine added to New Business. Motion made by Director Belding and seconded by T. Fry.

VIII. Old Business:

- a.) Harness Racing Grandstand Ticket Price – tabled from December 2019. A motion was made by Director Belding and seconded by Director Winebrenner to take the Harness Racing Grandstand Ticket Price off the table. Motion passes
Motion was made by Director Baker and seconded by Director Henricks to make the price of the Harness Racing tickets free. Motion passed
- b.) Reminder, Committee budgets are due at the end of the meeting tonight.
- c.) Director Shirts for 2020 fair. Motion has been made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director Henricks to not move forward with Director Shirts for the 2020 Fair.
- d.) A motion was made by Director Goll and seconded by Director Carroll to take the discussion of Truck Pulls off the table. Jeff Bender runs the Truck Pulls in Edgerton and they are willing to do the Truck Pulls for us at the Fair. They will run the Pulls we just need to do the gates and help get sponsorship for the \$4,000 pay outs plus the sled is \$1,000 - \$2,000. Pam volunteers to head up the Truck Pulls. A motion was made by Director Goll and seconded by Director T. Fry to have Truck Pulls on the last Saturday of fair, September 19th with the understanding that we need to get the \$4,000 of sponsorship plus the cost of the sled. We handle the ticket sales. Bleachers are on the track, track tickets only – no Grandstand tickets. Tickets sell for \$10. Time to be determined. Motion passed.

IX. New Business:

- a.) NSF Checks from Fair Merchants: 2 returned checks from vendors during Fair. Motion was made by Director J. Fry and seconded by Director Farmer to do what we need to do to collect on the NSF checks.
- b.) Approval for Bathroom Remodel: Motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Belding to move forward with the bathroom remodel of the Gillette and Grandstand bathrooms. Motion passed
- c.) Items to place in the Spring Auction: Motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Farmer to put items on the list in the Spring Auction with the exception of only 2 of the gate buildings instead of all 6. Motion passed
- d.) Removal of Power Poles in the Old Campgrounds: A motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to remove the power poles in the old campground as discussed. Motion passed.
- e.) Fair Foundation Serving Breakfast and Lunch during the 2020 fair with a percentage of proceeds to go towards sponsorship of the Midway Entertainment Stage. A motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by T. Fry to go ahead with the Fair Foundation serving breakfast and lunch during the 2020 fair. Roll was called 11 yes 3 no. Motion passed.

- f.) Director's Pay for Meetings, Mileage and Week of Fair. Motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Henricks to suspend the 2019 and 2020 Directors pay. Roll was called 14 yes 0 no. Motion passed.
- g.) Ractopamine: A motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to ban Ractopamine across all species and to get an affidavit from Hog exhibitors only to have for packers. Motion passed

X. Announcements:

- a.) Director pictures for 2020 Fair will be taken following the meeting.
- b.) District 1 & 2 spring meeting is Saturday March 28th, 2020 in Wood County.

XI. Adjournment – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Baker to adjourn. Motion passed