

WILLIAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

President Matthew Kennedy * Vice President Josh Mercer

April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams

- I. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- II. **Roll Call** – 13 Present, 3 Absent, 1 Excused
Auxiliary Directors: 1 Present, 2 Absent, 0 Excused
- III. **Requests for the Floor:** We did not have any requests for the floor
- IV. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Farmer to accept the February 20, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed
- V. **Treasurers Report** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Mercer to accept February 2020 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Goll to accept March 2020 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion passed.

- VI. **Committee Reports - Matt** / Buildings and Ground rentals – all rentals through April have been cancelled per the stay at home order issued by the Governor of the State of Ohio. There are no rentals in the Gillette building until August. Ticket office – the computers need to be replaced as they are currently running Windows 7 and will not be able to be updated to Windows 10 and Windows 7 is no longer viable. Estimated cost is roughly \$1,000.00 not looking to spend that money at this time. Fairbook – need updates on most of the classes, please get with Matt to get those updates in. Sponsorships – roughly ½ of the free entertainment stage is sponsored at this time. **Josh** / Talked to Defiance County Fairboard about working gates and it sounds like we are looking at a Tuesday & Thursday at their fair to help work their gates. We will need some volunteers as we get closer to that time. **Dave** / Grounds keeping and mowing we are going to go off the same pattern that we had at the end of the year last year. Currently the Gravelly is not running for anything but around the office. The John Deere, New Holland and Big John Deere are ready to use, when you mow a section please put it in the mass text so we know what has been mowed and what still needs done. The sprayer part is ordered and when it is fixed we will start spraying. Main breakers in all buildings except the Thaman and Maintenance building have been turned off and all but 6 security lights are turned off to see if that will help reduce the electric bill. **Danyel** / The interviews for the Royalty Competition have been postponed, we have not set an actual date for

that yet. 4-H is not doing any face to face meeting until after July 6th so we will wait until after that to do interviews. Talked to the Dog Show committee through 4-H with Stacey Perry and went through some guidelines and judge information. They are working to get numbers up on the participation for us to be able to have a dog show this year. **Ric** / no updates that Matt is aware of. **Tom** / no updates at this time. **Joe** / no updates

VII. Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion made by Director Baker and seconded by Director Belding. Motion passed.

VIII. Old Business:

- a.) .Committee Budgets – this is the meeting we were supposed to approve the committee budgets, there is a big stack. We will wait and review the budgets at the next meeting when we can meet face to face as it is hard to look over all the budgets on your computer or phone.

IX. New Business:

- a.) Motion was made to start receiving bids for fair, we do not need to post the bids in the newspaper as Matt has confirmed with our District 1 rep. Motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry. Motion passed.
- b.) Dan Ankeny called and would like to have a step or stair climbing event for the September 11th Anniversary in the Grand Stands. They would like to do it on Friday, September 11th but that is haul-in day for animals and vendors and it would not be a good day. Looking at Sunday, we feel that would be a good day. Motion was made to table the conversation until Matt can get more information from Dan. Motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry. Motion passed

X. Announcements:

- a.) Dave Page announced that winter storage went well as far as emptying the buildings.
- b.) Pam and Alex sat in on a meeting about tagging alternatives in case we cannot do it face to face this year with the COVID-19 mandates.
- c.) Pam sent the contract back for the sled for Truck Pulls
- d.) Garage Sale – net profit was around \$1500.00 and for the food was around \$360.00
- e.) 4-H enrollment – Stacey let us know that our numbers broke 550 despite of the pandemic and that is very exciting news as she was expecting the numbers to be down.
- f.) We have not heard any concerns from OFMA about animals contracting the COVID-19 virus. Transmission to animals is very low risk.

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