ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, November 10, 2025 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL
Present: Linea Burch, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck, Tom Vincent, Mike Tomasek, Liz Pennazoli, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Alan Thueme, Rick Ruemenapp, Lindsey Uppleger, Donna Wojtysiak, Linda Taylor, Robin Vigneron.

Excused: Kent Renn, Colleen Provost, Kylie Veldman, Kevin Smith, Bernie Dudek, Tom Vincent.

Guests: Melissa Wilson, Megan Klemmer, Dave Goretski, Kyle Slifco.

2) AGENDA
Add under 10b Earth Fair. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition by R. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Vincent.
Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT
A motion was made to approve the secretary's report for October 8, 2025 by T. Warchuck, supported by R. Ruemenapp.
Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT
A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by C. Ruemenapp, supported by R. Vigneron.
Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT
Letter from MDOT indicated they passed out 700 wrap cards. This year they're requesting 1100. Detroit wants an extra 100 and they added an office in Clare.

7) MSU EXTENSION
MSU Extension sent out a survey after Leaders' Banquet. Events this week, Port Huron Resource Fair, Capac Science night Thursday and Council Meeting Monday and rolling into workshops, Craft-Palooza, touring G5 for shooting sports, making archery equipment on 22nd and conservation workshop on 30th. TSC Paper Clover is November 28 through December 14th. Looking for 4-H clubs to set up at TSC.

A group from Council and Fair Board met with Karly Creguer and Betty Jo Krosnicki to review their assessment of Lori's responsibilities relating to the fair, Council in order to ensure a smoother transition.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS
   A) AG EDUCATION
   Committee requested the Farm Bureau ag van, possibility it could come one day. There are make it and take it activities in the van. Would like to turn the meadow in a teen zone for 12-15 year olds. Currently there is corn hole and disc golf.

   B) AWARDS
   Meeting Thursday at 9 a.m. to sort ribbons

C) AUDIT
Need to file 120-day report. C. Ruemenapp to sign paperwork and leave it at the office.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

E) CRATER
A motion was made to sign the Flying Star Rodeo contract by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme.
Motion carried.

F) ELECTRONIC TICKETING
Skerbeck's may be moving to RFID and reloadable cards, which is a big financial investment. That methodology is adopted due to theft.

G) FACILITIES – No report.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY
M. Klemmer is putting out the word to other schools since RESA will be on break in 2026.

I) LIVESTOCK
There is a meeting on the 13th to go over updates on rules. Beef weigh in is January 31st. The caterer that will be in the community building for the week will do the livestock dinner. They will need a camping spot, but that needs to be handled through vendors.

J) PARKS & RECREATION - No report.

K) PERSONNEL
A motion was made to approve Kylie Veldman and Natalie Tesluck as co-superintendents of prospect beef, Paula Smith as co-superintendent of crafts and Tina Romero as superintendent of cats by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme.

A motion was made to give a $3000 annual bonus to L. Burch by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme.
Motion carried.

L) PUBLICITY
A motion was made to order 300 yard signs by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Uppleger.
Motion carried.

Thumbcoast TV is doing a workshop for MSU Extension. Their package for publicity is approximately $6500, which includes banners on Spotlight.

T-shirts will be available in an online store prior to Christmas. There are no minimum orders. There will be some color variations on the stone blue. An initial order of t-shirts

will be made to put in the 4-H office in a cabinet for sale through the POS. The balance of the shirts to be kept at the fair office.

M) SPONSORSHIP
The 2025 sponsorship totals were reported. This was another successful year.

N) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS
A) MFEA Convention
K. Veldman, D. Wojtysiak, L. Taylor, L. Uppleger, L. Pennazoli, R. Vigneron, C. Ruemenapp and B. Dudek attended the convention. Bob Skerbeck is the current president of the association. Skerbeck's were very gracious hosts and we enjoyed having lunch and dinner with them.

10) NEW BUSINESS
A) ELECTION RESULTS
Elected to the board Tim Warchuck, Lindsey Uppleger, Donna Wojtysiak, Chris Ruemeanpp, Linda Taylor and Kylie Veldman.

A motion was made to destroy the ballots by T. Warchuck, supported by T. Vincent.
Motion carried.

B) TROPHY DONATIONS
This year's trophy donations will be $25 for a single award and $250 for 10 trophies.

C) EARTH FAIR
Fair Board has made a proposal to merge with Earth Fair. We cannot merge currently under our 504(c)(5) status. This has been a successful event at the park, concern that word is getting out that there won't be a 2026 Earth Fair. They are not losing money, so that is not the reason why that committee does not want to do it in 2026. This is for grades 3-5 on Friday, open to the public Friday and Saturday. They will be meeting on November 18th to decide their path forward and whether they will work with the fair for 2026.

A motion was made to offer to provide support to the Earth Fair by R. Ruemenapp, supported by D. Wojtysiak.
Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by R. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli.
Motion carried.

12) ELECTIONS
A motion was made to nominate R. Usakowski as president by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme. A motion was made by D. Wojtysiak to close nominations, supported by L. Uppleger.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to nominate T. Vincent as vice president by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli. A motion was made by D. Wojtysiak to close nominations, supported by A. Thueme.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to nominate C. Ruemenapp as secretary by L. Pennazoli, supported by L. Uppleger. A motion was made by T. Vincent to close nominations, supported by A. Thueme.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to nominate M. Tomasek and C. Provost as co-treasurers by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary