ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2026 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL
Present: Lindsey Uppleger, Liz Pennazoli, Linda Taylor, Chris Ruemenapp, Tom Vincent, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck, Colleen Provost, Bernie Dudek, Robin Vigneron, Mike Tomasek, Donna Wojtysiak, Rob Usakowski

Excused: Kylie Veldman, Rick Ruemenapp, Alan Thueme, Kent Renn, Kevin Smith, Linea Burch, Jake Sieloff.
Guests: Melissa Wilson, Ken Sieloff.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA
A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted by T. Warchuck, supported by M. Tomasek.
Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT
A motion was made to approve the January 12, 2026 minutes by M. Tomasek, supported by T. Vincent.
Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT
Manure removal discussed and the vendor's desire not to do a W-9. If required, his price goes from $2,200 to $3,000. A motion was made to pay $3,000 for manure removal by T. Warchuck, supported by L. Pennazoli.
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Uppleger.
Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT
There is $6,250 in trophy donations received and L. Burch ordered 5,000 MDOT cards for distribution.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
The Lights, Camera & Action workshop is coming up, as well as the flower arranging. Council Auction will be February 28th. Painted Toad workshop on February 26th. Yale School Science night went well. The 4-H Program Coordinator's position closes on February 17th and L. Warchuck said at least two people from the program have applied.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS
a) AG EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT
There is a committee meeting tomorrow night. S.C.C. Library will be at the fair this year, as well as the Bookmobile.

b) AWARDS
Bills are coming in for trophies. The ribbons for 1-10 placing ribbons are currently .80 each, if we were to change colors which is a special order, they go up to $3 each.

c) AUDIT – None.

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
We talked about possible solutions to generate sound on the north side of the park, possibly using a phone system and connect speakers. That is still being researched. We do not qualify for a grant in 2026.

e) CRATER
Monster truck rides are coming back in 2026. Monster truck show will be same size, same price.

f) ELECTRONIC TICKETING
This has been set up by fairs.com. Discussion held regarding whether we pay the service fees or the ticket purchasers. Fair Board will pay the service fees associated with the tickets.

g) HANDICAPABLE DAY
They still need volunteers for 2026.

h) LIVESTOCK
Discussion held about hiring a fair photographer, one that will cover the auction as well. We will post that position and Fair Board will make that final decision in order to speed along the process.

i) PARKS & RECREATION – None.

j) PERSONNEL
A motion was made to approve Julie Modrich as the co-superintendent for dogs by M. Tomasek, supported by L. Pennazoli.
Motion carried.

k) PUBLICITY
The Port Huron Museum trolley artwork and installation has been completed and will be out and about starting in February.

l) SPONSORSHIP
College Hunks will be available as in 2025, same contract. K. Smith said Doubletree is locked in for providing rooms and send requests directly to K. Smith. There will be a entertainment brochure meeting on March 27th at 5:30 at the fair office.

Plan is to put 3 sponsors in the VIP tent on Thursday night for the truck pulls.

L. Pennazoli does not want to manage or handle anything to do with vendors with live animals. There are too many moving parts with them. We have someone with a

highland cow that would like to be a vendor. Discussion held. C. Ruemenapp will reach out to her at $600 for the week, no electricity, in the area down by the old Service Club Building, and $100 off that price if she has her cows available for Vows with Cows.

9) OLD BUSINESS
   a) VOWS WITH COWS
      R. Vigneron has had 10 responses and she sent out a Google form to gather more information and have had 7 responses so far. She has offered them 2 carload passes per couple. She has sponsors for food, flowers and working on shirts, sparkling non-alcoholic champagne.

10) NEW BUSINESS
   a) TV
      We will purchase a 75" TV for the show arena at BJ's

   b) FAIR BOOK CHANGES
      There aren't many. Sent out the changes previously. Fair Book will be done soon.

11) ADJOURNMENT
   A motion was made to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. by T. Warchuck, supported by L. Pennazoli. Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary