ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday, September 8, 2025 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL
   Present: Tom Vincent, Colleen Provost, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Bernie Dudek, Lindsey Uppleger, Alan Thueme, Linda Taylor, Rob Usakowski, Robin Vigneron, Kylie Veldman, Donna Wojtysiak.
   Excused: Rick Ruemenapp, Jake Sieloff, Tim Warchuck, Kent Renn, Linea Burch, Lori Warchuck, Liz Pennazoli, Kevin Smith,
   Guests: Megan Klemmer, Mike Tipper, Natalie Tesluck, Julie Sovis, Jolee VanTroostenberghe, Tom Stickley, Mr. Thrushman, Joanna Ingles, Ethan Molesworth, Ms. Molesworth.

   Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2) AGENDA
   A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by A. Thueme, supported by L. Uppleger.
   Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC
   Ethan Molesworth is attending the meeting to address what "he was accused of", and he doesn't think it was right. R. Usakowski stated there were no accusations, nothing to address, and he would be willing to talk to Ethan after the meeting about any concerns he may have.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT
   A motion was made to approve the minutes of July and August 2025 by A. Thueme, supported by T. Vincent.
   Motion carried.

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

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT
   L. Burch sent out 498 premium checks for a total of $11,925.

7) MSU EXTENSION
   Re-enrollment is open. Two staff at MSU Extension were laid off due to federal cuts. Open House is October 11th with a rate date of October 18th.

8) COMMITTEES
   a) AG EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT
      There is a meeting on 9-23 and hope to talk about Beautify the Fairgrounds and the decline in participation at that meeting.

   b) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
      Going to have Alex Vigneron work on a quote for an park-wide announcement system to apply for a grant in 2026.

c) CRATER
Planning on the same entertainment as 2025 unless someone has a better idea.

d) ELECTRONIC TICKETING
Going to meet 9-22 at 6:30 at the Fair Office. Want to work on a list of what are wishes are from Eventny.

e) FACILITIES
We approved $2500 for upgrades to electrical panels. Matt Liebetreu wants to do a new petting farm panel to get their electrical into a regular enclosure and 2 panels on the lane need modification. He will put fans in them, they were getting too hot, breakers were tripping. During the fair DTE was in the tent Monday night and they are receptive to doing another project, talked to Dennis and he would like to see power in the old campground and lights in there.

A motion was made to replace the panels for the petting farm in an amount not to exceed $2500 by M. Tomasek, supported by L. Uppleger.
Motion carried.

f) HANDICAPABLE DAY
This day will look different in 2026, won't be bringing 150 kids from Woodlands because there is no school that week of fair. Megan Klemmer is reaching out to group homes, early childhood centers and school districts to get groups. There are up to 200 spots and she is trying to get that lined up by March.

g) LIVESTOCK
Julie Sovis said the second of a series of 3 workshops was just held. There were 6 participants at the State Fair Judging contest and the State Fair provided them free admission and lunch. A few kids from our county won State Fair scholarships. J.T. Schweihofer won his age division in the judging contest. The second workshop had 25 kids participate on beef recordkeeping and nutrition. The last workshop will be held via Zoom and it's on beef selection. There is a workshop at C. Roy's on carcass coming up in October. December 29th there is a workshop at Marlette Stockyard.

Natalie Tesluck held a meeting on livestock rules and got some suggestions and will be meeting again October 15th.

h) PUBLICITY
L. Taylor is going to set up a meeting with Thumbcoast to review what we did this year and look at what we might do to change it up for 2026.

i) SAFETY – No report
j) SPONSORSHIP – No report
k) STILL EXHIBITS – No report

9) OLD BUSINESS – None.
10) NEW BUSINESS

a) PLANNING MEETING
The Fair Board's annual planning meeting will be held October 19th.

b) FAIR BOARD NOMINATIONS
A motion was made to nominate Tim Warchuck, Kylie Veldman, Donna Wojtysiak, Chris Ruemenapp, Lindsey Uppleger and Linda Taylor by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme. A motion was made to nominate Nick Neibauer and Joel Pieprzak by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek. Bios must be turned in by October 7th in order to get the ballots mailed out.
Motion carried.

c) STARLINK
C. Provost would like to buy a Starlink for the 4-H info trailer so they have internet access to process credit card payments.

d) CATERER
Everyone that has talked to Wagonwheel has confirmed that they will be doing breakfast and dinner in the Community Building this year, and the Livestock dinner. They did the livestock dinner in 2025.

11) ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary