

Greene County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2025

Members Present: Kala Stidham, Dan Bullen, Steve Dailey, Andy Derr, David Elliott, Aaron Fowler, Cindy Gould, Jon Holley, Jerry Liming, Christy Partee, Amy Test, Jarrett Test, Tony Welsh, John Wooten, Pat Zehring.

Also, Present: Liz Jordan-Secretary, Sara O'Banion-Treasurer, Megan Brittingham-OSU Extension.

Guests: Wade Hutchison, Sandra Hutchison, Jamie Holley, David Warner, Jennifer Warner, Lester Davis, Phil Davis, Whitney Moore, Preston Simmons, Gail Mueller.

Pat Zehring called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Fowler gave the opening Prayer.

1. Motion made by Jon Holley to accept the Secretary's minutes; Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Dan Bullen to approve the Treasurers Report; Andy Derr seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Andy Derr to postpone payroll discussion to end of the meeting. Christy Partee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Jon Holley to approve the Check Detail Report. Jarrett Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Motion made by Dan Bullen to shred the 2025 Election Ballots. Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Motion made by Dan Bullen to approve the 2026 Fair Dates – August 2nd through August 8th, 2026. Amy Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion made by Jon Holley to go into Executive Session to discuss payroll concerns and the OSU Extension Contract. Johnny Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session-After all visitors left the room, Liz Jordan took roll call confirming 15 Board Members present with Liz Jordan-Secretary and Sara O'Banion-Treasurer invited to stay. Liz took attendance at the conclusion of the session all 17 remained present.

8. Motion made by Jon Holley to come out of Executive Session. Andy Derr seconded the motion. Liz Jordan confirmed board member attendance. Motion carried.

9. Motion made by Aaron Fowler to recommend Pat Zehring and Steve Dailey meet with Morgan and discuss duties, responsibilities and to obtain all passwords. Then report back to update the Board on the meeting. Amy Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Motion made by Johnny Wooten to adjourn the meeting. Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned!

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General discussion without motions:

Guests—Pat Zehring went around the room giving each guest the opportunity to speak.

- Sandra Hutchison here regarding a few concerns from fair mainly dairy feeder concerns. She feels it is unfair to other kids when rules are not followed by all participants. She quoted rules that she feels were not being followed. She reported the Sugar Waffles were stale and heard lots of negative comments about them. She also stated the Judge not showing up was frustrating with the kids lined up waiting and needing to cool their animals down with wet towels.
- Wade Hutchison here to observe
- Jennifer Warner here to observe
- Lester Davis and Phil Davis here representing Old Timers and the Antique Tractor Pullers. They would like to move the pulls from Sydney Ohio where they currently have pulls once a month to our grounds. They state they have everything they need to make this happen and would only need our track area and grounds one day monthly from May through October roughly 9:am to 9: pm.
- Jaime Holley here representing the Band Boosters. She reports this is her last year working with the boosters. She will let us know who the new contact person will be.
- Dave Warner here to observe
- Preston Simmons here to observe
- Gayle Mueller asks that we trust the livestock committees to choose their Judges and at least release the names to them prior to fair to allow them to follow up with the Judges.

Dan Bullen stated he was not aware of this Beef Feeder issue and would check into it and address the situation. Johnny Wooten stated we are looking at updating the Judge process and getting it wrapped up earlier for next year. We will also reach out to Judges that have agreed to judge for us a couple weeks prior to fair to confirm their attendance. Pat Zehring requested the Executive Committee discuss the Tractor Pull request and get back with Old Timers within the next couple weeks.

4-H reports—Megan Brittingham was excited to report she is working with the Xenia Gazette and would like to supply information regarding placers at the fair such as the exhibitor's hall winners and livestock winners etc.

Jr. Fair Report—Pat Zehring reported they had a wrap up from fair meeting yesterday and it went well. 12 came for the meeting.

Secretary Minutes—Liz Jordan emailed and passed out for board review and approval.

Treasurers Report—Sara O'Banion passed out bank statements, check detail and payroll summary for Board review and approval. She went over the handouts explaining figures.

Expo Report—No report available.

Director summary from Fair week!

- Andy Derr stated all went well, wants to thank everyone that came out to help on track cleanup!
- Aaron Fowler commented on the AC in the Assembly Building and Barn One stating the issues need addressed prior to any more shows. He has some ideas to share on discount day possibilities for next year such as senior discount days, military days every day, etc.
- Christy Partee expressed her appreciation for the office staff as well as all workers that helped make the fair a success.
- Cindy Gould states it was an exhausting week, asking if we can leave the parents at home! Suggested moving the rides back to where they previously were. Maybe revisit pricing, etc.
- Tony Welsh said the parking went pretty good with a few kinks that worked out with time and effort. He requests maybe some new people at the front gates.
- Johnny Wooten says he is looking at making a few changes to the Judge process for next year.
- Jarrett Test Stressful Fair! Appreciates the Barn 1 Committee, they did great. Need to start planning now would be his main suggestion.
- John Holley states he is planning a sponsorship committee meeting for Thursday night to plan getting all grand stand events covered. Wants to start now getting sponsors to cover all of these events so entrance fees to fair cover everything.
- Dan Bullen started by saying he has heard about the Sugar Waffle booth and has already spoke with the owner about the issue. Would like to see more ground acts for fair, feels the lack of ground acts really hurt us this year. Suggested some different entertainment like the Dog/Monkey act and a Goat Act that he described, also a dunking booth, etc. He also noted we can save money on golf carts if Director's that plan to bring their own golf carts let us know ahead of time so we don't rent one for them. We had a lot of extras this year.
- Kala Stidham supports Dans comments on needing ground acts. Music and all of the above would be great to help. She would like to see possibly 2 Demo Derby's and maybe move the horse races if possible. Her advertising budget was cut which she also feels hurt attendance some.
- Dave Elliott all good
- Amy Test would also like to see us get back to the old county fair.
- Sara O'Banion would also like to get back to the old country fair that has a lot of free activities that people enjoy watching and even participating in. She reminds group that horse racing pays for itself.

- Steve Dailey Barn 2 went smooth for the most part. Had an issue that he will be addressing with the committee next week. Would also like to see the fair plan revamped for next year.
- Pat Zehring challenging year but we made it happen. Thank you to all.
- Liz Jordan Office busy as usual. One issue was the membership passes were printed prior to changing the free admission age from 9 down to 5. So, the passes still showed 9 and under free rather than the updated 5 and under free.

AC Repair & Water Leak Repairs—Pat Zehring reports that the Assembly AC Unit has been band aided and still needs repaired/replaced. went over some of the estimates received. Superior stated both compressors in the unit are out quoting \$23,581.16. Seiter came in and they have one compressor working but the other needs replaced. They can do that for \$8261.00. They gave a quote of \$94,000 to replace both Units. Waiting on a couple other quotes. We have another water leak in the Horse Barn area. Last month's water bill was \$17,000, this month was \$18,300.00! Dave says that the plumbing up at the barns is ancient so every time something is patched and replaced it puts a huge strain on the old plumbing and blows it out causing more leaks. He states we have been told this numerous times by Plumbers. Pat has called around to get quotes on this issue.

Front Lawn—Steve Dailey reports that a few minor updates were needed on the front lawn. But the project continues and looks good.

Sales—Whitney Moore reports that this was the Best Fair yet. At \$348,321.00, better than last years. Buyers liked it and enjoyed the buyer dinner as well as the packets for each kid. She is emailing the buyers sheets out this year to the kids so it won't be such a problem with them losing them.

Ballots Shred—Voted to shred to 2025 ballots.

2026 Fair Dates—our 2026 Fair Dates will be **August 2nd through August 8th** as long as approved by the state. Dan says that we are always 4 weeks from Labor Day so this year will be a later fair!

Outstanding Fair Supporter—be thinking of who we might nominate. Nomination is due in Columbus November 1st.

OSU Extension Lease Contract reminder—rent collected for the Extension Office is very outdated. Raising rates was postponed last year due to County's budget had already been done.

Executive Session to discuss payroll issues and OSU Contract.

Excess Expo Hours—Pat Zehring and Steve Dailey are to meet with Morgan Keadle to gather passwords and list of work duties that she is currently doing and duties Dawn Covell is doing in the Expo Office. They will then report all findings back to the Board so a plan can be made to get the Expo back under control.

OSU Extension—Snap Ed is ending September 2025 and we don't know what future plans may be for that portion of the rent paid quarterly. The Extension Office would like to take over that

area for their use. Steve Dailey will meet with Brandon Huddleston to discuss a new rental amount to include the SNAP Ed area and updated figures for the overall rent. Pat and Aaron must remove themselves from these negotiations. After discussion regarding the outdated rent coming from the Extension Office the Board agreed that The Executive Committee will meet and go over the figures again as was done last year updating any new information and/or figures and complete a plan to present to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned!

Pat Zehring, President

Liz Jordan, Secretary