

Greene County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2025

General discussion without motions:

4-H reports – Megan Brittingham introduced the Teen Horse Committee representative Jen Butler.

- She spoke to the group regarding their request to have 4-H horse stalls at fair. She states they have a quote on a 24-stall tent for roughly \$10,000.00. She reports that they have already raised \$2000.00 for this project and are requesting the Board approval to do this during the fair. She explained that the only way they can show now is to tie their horses to their trailers and must stay close, keeping them safe, making it impossible to enjoy the fair in between shows. They also must bring their own food and drinks since they can't leave the horses unattended so again cannot enjoy the fair concessions like other fair goers. For those that have numerous shows throughout the fair it is a hassle to load and unload and transport the horses back and forth and add stress to the horses. She is seeking permission to have CRA Welding come out and install the stalls and tent for Saturday through Tuesday. After some discussion the Board agreed to this request and suggested the committee could leave the tent there all week if needed. She said they would have to see if a reasonable price can be obtained.
- Megan had a species chair meeting and discussed the need for rules packets to be reviewed and updated. We are seeking clarification of whether the pee wee shows are governed by the 4-H or Fair board.
 - If a 4-H Show, then Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Rules must be followed. If a Fair board Show those rules should be followed. Each Barn is currently running it differently.
- There was discussion over having one livestock photographer come in and do pictures for the kids with their animals. Jeff Barr commented that there is a huge difference between livestock photographer and a normal photographer. Stating a livestock photographer knows what angles to focus on of the animal as well as the child. He states they hired one this year for \$500 for one day. He states this person would agree to do the whole fair if an agreeable price can be met.
- Megan also presented a couple of fair book theme pictures she has obtained from 4-H'ers for our consideration.
- She then passed out Rabbit Species rules for approval. Board noted several changes and returned to Megan to update and present at the next meeting.

Jr. Fair Report—Pat Zehring reports they have had 2 meetings now and have elected officers.

- President- Mackenzie Ankeney
- Vice President-Elynn Morrow
- Secretary-Allie Ankeney
- Treasurer-Isaiah Christian
- Public Relations-Jeanette Thomas, Maria Christian & Connor Bogan.
- At the October Meeting she asked them to come up with Fair Theme suggestions. Once this project is complete, they will bring it to the board. We can review theirs and Megans and the board will decide which one to go with.
- They have 10 to 12 kids interested in attending the OFMA Conference this year and will be working on making this happen.
- She states they are working on applying for a grant designated for fair improvement. It will be written to help upgrade the speakers in the barns.

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

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

OSU Extension--Steve Dailey reported Brandon Huddleson had pointed out a discrepancy in the contract he was given. Learning that there had previously been 2 contracts signed, Brandon supplied the second contract and combined them. This resulted in the same amount being paid annually by just changing the cost per square footage to \$9.00 per sq ft. He maintains they do not want to pay for the SNAP Ed area. He signed a one-year

Expo Report—Steve Dailey explained him and Pat Zehring met with Dawn and Morgan to discuss their individual duties. They then met with the Executive Committee regarding findings. They decided it was best to dismiss Dawn Covell from her duties and keep Morgan Keadle through the first quarter of 2026. He states Morgan has agreed to work with Liz Jordan explaining/teaching duties so she can faze her job out as stated.

Guests—Steve Dailey, went around the room giving each guest the opportunity to speak.

- Hallie Chambliss here to inquire about Judges, they need to get them reserved for next year while the judges are still available.
- Bobby King states that whoever is driving the Bobcat has left it with bent rims. Stating we will need to replace them soon. He updated the group that Jerry Liming is in a Rehab Unit recovering from a stroke.
- Gail Muller here to inquire about our Judge policy and voice her opinion on the Board Micromanaging the Committees in this area. She states that for years Committees worked with the OSU and Judges were chosen and everyone knew what was going on and what to expect at fair time.

- Jeff Barr states he received a call from a cattle judge that he had still not been paid out from fair. He also agrees with Gail and wants to go back to the Committees being trusted to choose their own judges.

The Board discussed these requests and agreed to turn the judge selection back over to the Committees who will need to work with Liz to get the Docusign's emailed and done. The Board will pay up to the \$400 max and Committees will be responsible for anything additional.

Front Lawn—Steve Dailey Continues to work with the Engineer on the project. Finding that some of the work done to fix the faulty original job needs redone before they will sign off on it.

Sales—Whitney Moore reports the following.

- Breeders World would like to do a special entry walk accompanied by music as the champions come in for the sale.
- All Champions will be a terminal animal-no exception.
- She passed around a livestock schedule requesting board approval.
- Rabbits can only sell their meat pen at Champion Sale.
- Breeders World will not increase their fees this year.
- All Rabbits will be required to have a RFID tag.
- Wants to do the Buyers Dinner again this year and is requesting they be given use of Half of the Assembly Building on Thursday at the close of Fair.

2026 Fair Fees—Board agreed to leave all fees the same as 2025 with the exception of Membership which was previously raised to \$30 for 2026.

- Camping \$350
- Parking \$45
- Dually \$50
- Weekly \$40
- Daily \$10
- Mini Exhibitor \$15
- Grandstand \$5.00
- Outside Non-Food Vendors \$325 per space
- Indoor Vendors \$125 per space, \$175 for 2
- Food Vendors \$600 per space
- Stock Truck \$125 per Truck
- Bunk House \$425 per Trailer

Christmas Carry-In—We will have our annual Christmas Carry-In Monday December 15th at 6:00 pm with a visit from Santa at 6:45pm then the Board Meeting directly following. The AG Society will supply meat, drinks and table service for the Carry-In.

Budget—Steve Dailey states the Budget Committee will begin meeting and try to have the 2026 Budget ready for Board approval at the December meeting.

Membership Passes—Reminder to purchase their 2026 membership passes if they have not already done so at \$30 each.

COTPC—Andy Derr reports they will no longer do our Saturday pulls. A new company approved by Board will be (Silvan).

OFMA Accommodations—The Board voted to require all Directors to pay for their own rooms again this year.

Broke into Executive Session to discuss Josh Smalley's position.

Josh made roughly \$44,000.00 in 2024 and is on a path to clear over \$76,000 for 2025. The board needs to control the excessive ups and downs in wages. It was brought up that he had more helpers in 2024 than he has had this year. We want to reward his hard work but also must have some controls. Proposing to pay him \$55,000.00 annually with sick and vacation days and a footwear allowance. Liz Jordan will send the proposed contract to all Directors to review, and it will be voted on at the December meeting. The Executive Committee will be meeting to review Liz Jordan, Martha Shope and Sara O'Banion's contract on November 25th with the goal of having it ready to review and approve at the December meeting as well.

Executive Session ended.

Reminder—2026 Fair Dates will be **August 2nd through August 8th** Dan Bullen says that we are always 4 weeks from Labor Day so this year will be a later fair!

Meeting Adjourned!

Steve Dailey, President

Liz Jordan, Secretary

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Members Present: Steve Dailey, Andy Derr, David Elliott, Aaron Fowler, Cindy Gould, Wade Hutchison, Christy Partee, Amy Test, Jarrett Test, John Wooten, Pat Zehring.

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

Guests: David Warner, Whitney Moore, Jen & Klara Butler, Nicole Miller, Lenora Ahrens, Paul & Gayle Murray, Hallie Chambliss, Jeff Barr, Gail Mueller, Jamie Holley,

Steve Dailey called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Fowler gave the opening Prayer.

1. Motion made by Johnny Wooten to allow the Teen Horse Committee to sponsor and provide a tent with stalls for the 4-H Horses during the 2026 Fair. Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Jarrett Test to approve the Secretary Minutes; Cindy Gould seconded the motion. Christy Partee and Jon Holley abstained. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Christy Partee to approve the Treasurers Report; Andy Derr seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Jon Holley to approve the payroll; Christy Partee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Motion made by Andy Derr to approve the August, September and October "check detail report"; Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Pat Zehring abstained. Motion carried.
6. Motion made by Jon Holley to turn Judge choosing back to the Livestock Committees with them working with Liz on submitting and tracking the Docusign's; Aaron Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion made by Wade Hutchison to approve the 2026 Show order submitted by Whitney Moore; Johnny Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Motion made by Johnny Wooten to approve using Breeders World to do the clerking and champion sale at the 2026 Fair. Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Motion made by Christy Partee to table the discussion regarding the Buyers dinner location. Wade Hutchison seconded the motion. Steve Dailey abstained and Johnny Wooten objected. Motion carried.
10. Motion made by Jon Holley to implement the rule to require all Rabbits have an RFDI tag for the 2026 Fair. Christy Partee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Motion made by Christy Partee to update the Rabbit Rules to read “only the Meat Pen Rabbits will sell at the 2026 Fair”. Aaron Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. Motion made by Jarrett Test to table the rabbit rules approval to allow updates to be made. Amy Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.
13. Motion made by Andy Derr to keep all Camping, Parking, Admission fees the same for the 2026 Fair. Dave Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
14. Motion made by Jon Holley to keep all Vendor Space Fees the same for the 2026 Fair. Andy Derr seconded the motion. Motion carried.
15. Motion made by Jarrett Test to allow the AG Society to pay for the meat for the Christmas Party this year. Johnny Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.
16. Motion made by Andy Derr to go with the new Company “Silvan” for the 2nd night of truck pulls at the 2026 Fair. Jarrett Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.
17. Motion made by Andy Derr to require Directors to pay for their own rooms at the 2026 OFMA Convention. Jarrett Test seconded the motion. Motion carried.
18. Motion made by Jarrett Test to go into Executive Session to discuss Employee Contract. Wade Hutchison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Liz Jordan took attendance before and after the session.

19. Motion made by Jon Holley to Exit the Executive Session. Johnny Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.
20. Motion made by Johnny Wooten to adjourn the meeting. Andy Derr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned!