

**GREENE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

General discussion without motions:

4-H reports—Megan Brittingham met with the Teen Horse Committee and states they are interested in having 3 shows during fair. They plan to have family fun night & BBQ prior to the Dance Saturday night before fair. She reported 62 Beef have been tagged in. She is working on Fair Entry and states that passing out premium checks is going well. She still has 55 that need picked up.

Jr. Fair Report—Pat Zehring reports there was no meeting this month and no interest in attending the conference.

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

Treasurers Report—passed out for Board review and approval. Board approved going with our old tax ID ending in #4016 that we have been using for years. Sara O'Banion will then dissolve the unused tax ID number. She will contact the Attorney regarding completing the 501-C-3,

2025 Budget—Approved by Board to be sent to ODA with allowance for minor possible amendments after Sara O'Banion attends a video conference 12/17/24.

Admission Pricing—Steve Dailey spoke on increasing admission prices, reporting on several other Fairs in the areas he surveyed. Board approved changing our pricing to include

- 5 and under free- previously was 9 and under.
- one day admission price increase to \$10 per person from \$8.
- Daily Camping increased by \$10 per day.
- Weekly passes increased to \$40 per person, from \$30.
- Camping increased to \$350 per spot during fair, from \$300.
- No increase to parking this year. Reserved Parking \$45, Dually Parking \$50
- AG Membership will increase in 2026 to \$30 per ticket from \$25.

Expo Report—Rodney Keadle went over his Expo Report of Shows and earnings.

County Administrator—Brandon Huddleson spoke on behalf of the County Commissioners stating he has been contacted by several from our Board asking for help. He has met with Rodney and Sara this week and understands we are struggling. He wanted to make it clear that the Commissioners are not interested in taking over the fairgrounds and Expo. He was here with some suggestions to help get our finances in order. He explained the need for Cost Centers and how it would benefit us. Maybe have a Rental Rate and Civil Rate. Major cuts need to be made to get there. Recommends we get 3 bids for any work expected to cost more than \$1000.

- Sara O'Banion states that starting in January she will have a “Budget to Actual” report for each of the areas of the AG Society and will provide it monthly. She is fixing the property tax issue stating that when the building was built beside the Assembly Hall proper paperwork was not filed. She is submitting the needed paperwork tomorrow.
- Brandon welcomed any question or discussion regarding relocating the Horse Arena out to the area behind the pool house. Along with a new structure stating the Commissioners are in favor of this. It would allow more camping spaces for us back behind the horse barns and make the 4-H Horses more visible to the public.

- Cindy Gould explained that the Ohio Horse Council will help with moving the Arena and she is hoping Phillips would donate some materials like sand, etc. They said we can use the Pool House Bathrooms and Concession Stand. Lots of possibilities for a facility like this. Pat Zehring, Cindy Gould and Liz Jordan are on the Horse Building Planning Committee working on this project.
- Dick Gould suggested we consider having a Finance Committee that meets monthly to discuss and assist with Financial Planning. Professionals in Finance would be recommended for this Committee and a Board member also on the Committee could relay the report back monthly to the Board.

Grandstand Contracts—Board discussed and voted to allow the Entertainment Committee to sign only contracts for Grand Stand Acts at the Conference in January. Holding off on signing ground acts at this time.

Dunk Tank—Cindy Gould volunteered to research getting a dunking tank for use at the fair.

OFMA—Reminder to pay your room fee to the Fair Office in the next two weeks. Dan Bullen reports everything is going well for their 100th Anniversary Convention January 2 – 5, 2025.

Sales Committee—Pat Zehring read Elyssa Dailey's resignation letter effective 12/31/24.

Meeting Adjourned!

Pat Zehring, Vice President

Liz Jordan, Secretary