

Fairfield County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ricketts Hall

Call to Order

The February meeting of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** by **President David Keller**. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited and roll call was conducted.

Roll Call

Directors Present:

Regina Bressler, Zach Drake, Randy Fisher, Eric Keener, David Keller, Doug Leith, Sean Malone, Joel Spires, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Abigail Skinner, Connie Smith, Gregory Swinehart, and Kim Westhoven.

Directors Absent:

Charlie Schultz and Steve Bader.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by **Abigail Skinner** to approve the **January meeting minutes**. The motion was seconded by **Mark Sharp**.

Motion carried.

Membership Comments

Gail thanked the board for providing copies of the meeting agenda. She also reported that **Big Ass Fans** has expressed interest in visiting the fairgrounds to evaluate the barns for potential fan installation. The estimated cost is approximately **\$10,000 per fan**, including warranty coverage.

Financial Report

Regina Bressler reviewed the balance sheet. Regina and Stacey will meet to discuss the possibility of **increasing the fairgrounds theft insurance coverage**.

Fair Manager's Report

Fair Manager Stacey Fisher reported the following:

- She has contacted **Uhl** regarding next steps for the installation of an **adult changing table** on the fairgrounds.
- She requested a meeting with Uhl to discuss improvements needed to make the **Feeder Creek area ADA compliant**.
- The **Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities (DD) Program** is willing to cover staffing costs for a **PACE Unit** during the fair if the Agricultural Society provides space for the unit at no charge.
- The board will vote on approving the **purchase of an adult changing table**, which would allow DD to proceed with ordering the equipment.
- The **Ohio Department of Health Mobile Unit** has offered to attend the fair and provide **free flu shots** throughout the week. The board will vote on whether to allow the mobile unit on the grounds.
- **Signage quotes** for the fairgrounds have been received from **AstroGrafix Signs** and are currently under review.
- Stacey recommended the **termination and removal of outdated computers** currently in use at the fairgrounds.
- The **Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL)** will conduct an **ADA audit** of the Feeder Creek area. The audit will be completed by **Scott Davis** on **February 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**
- Directors were reminded of the upcoming **Ohio Fair Managers Association District Meeting** scheduled for **April 12**. The registration fee is **\$28 per person**, and the Agricultural Society must provide a **door prize**. Directors were asked to confirm attendance.
- The **Heritage Tree Ceremony** is scheduled for **April 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**. The tree selected is a **White Oak**, expected to grow **12–24 inches per year** and potentially reach **over**

100 feet in height. The tree to be planted is approximately **10 feet tall.**

Additional planning for the ceremony includes:

- Considering food truck vendors
- Potential speakers, including **Levacy** and a **Fair representative**
- Installation of a stage in the infield
- Arranging a sound system
- Contacting a local school to perform the **National Anthem**
- Coordinating media coverage with **Wolfe Radio** and the **Towne Crier**

The proposed event location is the **southeast side of the Shelter House.**

Junior Fair Awards

Carrie reported that **all ribbon buttons have been replaced** and **sponsorship packets have been completed.**

Leanna Tennant requested compensation of **\$1 per banner** to design banners for the **2026 Junior Fair.** She also suggested creating **one large banner recognizing all sponsors.**

A motion was made by **Sean Malone** and seconded by **Kim Westhoven** to approve the request.
Motion carried.

Junior Fair Board

There are **17 new members** on the Junior Fair Board. Leslie reviewed several **new rules and proposed changes,** including adjustments to **animal release times.**

A motion was made by **Abigail Skinner** to **table discussion on release time changes for all animals.** The motion was seconded by **Eric Keener.**
Motion carried.

Junior Fair

- **18 cattle** were tagged for the **Beef Carcass Program**.
 - A **cattle weigh-in** is scheduled for **March 14**.
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Sale Committee

The next **Sale Committee meeting** will be held **March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Ricketts Hall**.

- Approximately **\$12,000 in sponsorship invoices** have been issued.
 - Kim sent Leslie a list of **outstanding checks**.
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Buildings and Grounds

A meeting was held on **February 6**.

Dean Miller reported that replacing the **water line** would cost approximately **\$200,000**, including moving the **water meters above ground**. The **City of Lancaster** has given the fairgrounds **three years to complete the upgrades**.

Additional needs identified include:

- ADA accessibility improvements at **Feeder Creek**
 - **Road repairs**
 - **Roof repairs and general building maintenance**
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Entertainment

Greg reported that **most entertainment contracts are in place**, including the return of the **Saturday kids show**.

Greg discussed **ticket pricing**, including fees.

Greg made a motion that **NTPA tickets be priced at \$10**, and **all other events be priced at \$8**.
The motion was seconded by **Joel Spires**.
Motion carried.

Camping

The **Camping Committee** met on **January 28**.

Camping applications will be available **online March 1 through March 31**.

Human Resources

See **attached report**.

Grants / Sponsorships

Stacey reported that **sponsorship packets are being finalized and will be distributed soon**.

Operations (Dale's Report)

Dale reported the following:

- Snow **plowing operations** have been ongoing.
 - The **dump truck requires a new carburetor**.
 - Bob has been working on **power washing** various fairgrounds areas.
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Old Business

A motion was made by **Sean Malone** to **remove and dispose of outdated computers**.
Seconded by **Abigail Skinner**.
Motion carried.

Doug Shaw made a motion to **decline the \$10,000 grant for the racetrack fence.**

Seconded by **Zach Drake.**

Motion carried.

A motion was made by **Abigail Skinner** and seconded by **Connie Smith** to **purchase an adult changing table for one of the fairgrounds restrooms.**

Motion carried.

New Business

A motion was made by **Kim Westhoven** and seconded by **Connie Smith** to **allow the Ohio Department of Health Mobile Unit to provide flu shots during the fair.**

Motion carried.

Kim Westhoven made a motion that **all signed parchments be processed through Ozbourns.**

Seconded by **Abigail Skinner.**

Motion carried.

A motion was made by **Mark Sharp** and seconded by **Zach Drake** to **allow a PACE Unit to operate on the fairgrounds during the fair.**

Motion carried.

Regina Bressler discussed the possibility of **increasing theft bond coverage**, which will be reviewed further.

Greg Coulter discussed the **cost of new rabbit pens.**

A motion was made by **Connie Smith** and seconded by **Mark Sharp** to **allocate \$6,000 toward the purchase of rabbit pens.**

Motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Executive Session

Gregory Swinehart moved to enter **Executive Session** under ORC 121-22, to discuss a employe.

Seconded by **Regina Bressler.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Regina Bressler** and seconded by **Abigail Skinner.**

The meeting was **adjourned.**

David Keller, Fair President

Stacey Fisher, Fair Manager / Secretary