

FAIRFIELD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Date: May 19, 2026

Location: Ricketts Hall

This Month's meeting of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Fair President Dave Keller at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call

Directors Present:

Regina Bresler, Randy Fisher, Eric Keener, David Keller, Doug Leith, Joel Spires, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Connie Smith, Kim Westhoven, Steve Bader,, Sean Malone and Abigail Skinner.

Directors Absent:

Zach Drake and Charles Schultz

Arrived Late:

Greg Swinehart arrived at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Doug Leith and second by Steve Bader to approve the March 25, 2026 Special meeting minutes. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mark Sharp and second by Abigail Skinner to approve the April 6, 2026 Special meeting minutes. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Abigail Skinner and second by Connie Smith to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion passed.**

Membership / Public Comments

Membership Comments:

Cindy Gilfen thanked Dale Fox for having tables and chairs ready for her 4H Meetings

Amanda Collins- See attached

Gail Ellinger- Wanted see about starting weigh in and scans earlier in June since there are no other scan dates in June

David Ford stated at the last Sale Committee meeting they started going over their Constitution.

Financial Report

Treasurer Regina Bresler went over the financial reports for April 2026.

A motion was made by Steve Bader and a second by Eric Keener to approve the April financial report.
Motion Passed.

Manager's Report

Fair Manager Stacey Fisher provided updates. Please see the report attached.

Randy Fisher asked about Lowes Account being tax exempt and Stacey confirmed the account at Lowes has tax exemption. Connie Smith asked if we would benefit from having a table at the Annual Chamber Trade show and the fair manager stated it would be beneficial for 2027. Sean Malone asked what the ODA reimbursement money is for and the Fair Manager stated its for reimbursement of Junior Fair Expenses.

Ground's Superintendent Report

Dale Fox reported that he and his staff have been actively working on several maintenance and improvement projects throughout the fairgrounds. Completed and ongoing projects include painting all fire hydrants on the grounds, repairing fencing in the horse arena, setting up tables in the lower grandstands, repairing several potholes, and removing the ceiling in the Photography Wing of the Art Hall. Dale noted that the wiring and electrical system in the Photography Wing are outdated and will need to be replaced. He also stated that a significant amount of time has been dedicated to training new employees. Dale further acknowledged that Steve Bader has been a tremendous help with repairs to the Horse Arena.

Committee Reports

Junior Fair Awards

Carrie Bates provided updates:

That she has been going over the Junior Fairbook updates to make any changes she may need. Carrie also stated she will drop her invoices off to the Fair Office next week for the staff to put stamps on and mail.

Junior Leaders/ Junior Fair

Abigail Skinner and Leslie Cooksey provided updates:

Stating that the show committees want to meet so Leslie is suggesting that all the show committees meet June 16, 2026 in the Ed Sands building prior to the Senior Fairboard meeting. Leslie stated that she will not be at the June 27 weigh in and that Abigail Skinner will be in charge that day. Abigail wanted to make sure everyone is aware to be patient at the June 27

weigh-in that there are 16 new Junior Fairboard members and they all are learning. This year there is no check-in prior to Jun 27, 2026 weigh-in all livestock must attend.

Entertainment

Greg Swinehart provided an update that he has been working with Fair Manager with Event Banner and that Flyers for Wednesday Night Pull and NTPA have been received as well.

Sales Committee

Kim Westhoven provided an update that The Sales Committee meeting was April 29, 2026 and at that meeting Kim provided the Sales Committee with information on the Clerk Position. The next Sales Committee meeting will be June 4, 2026 at the Ag Center with a start time of 6:00 P.M.

Buildings & Grounds

Connie Smith provided updates: See attached

Joel Spires provided a list of items we need to either get rid of or sell. Items on that list that are not able to be sold are the roller belonging to the Young Farmers and the Tractor Sled belonging to the Antique Tractor Club. Sean Malone and Abigail Skinner informed the board that the Photo Backdrop is used during the fair. Doug Shaw and Stacey Fisher informed the board that Soundsations might be interested in the Light Plants.

Camping

Kim Westhoven stated that camping committee met before the Senior Fair Board meeting and they will email the approved list to Haley Black and Leslie Cooksey on May 20, 2026 to make sure all approved applicants are eligible. Starting June 1, 2026 the Fair Office will start accepting payments for the camping sites during the fair.

Human Resources

Connie Smith stated the HR Committee met on April 28, 2026 to take Addison Traster to dinner to do her exit interview. The committee then met on May 5, 2026 please see attached.

OLD Business

- Fair Security costs were gone over. In 2025 the FCAS paid the Lancaster Police Department \$45,705.00 and Garver Assets was paid \$7,420.00. Garvers payment covered two night guards on the North Side of the Fairgrounds and one night guard at the Art Hall.
- Fairfield County Federation Garden Clubs are unable to get a smaller area in the Art Hall due to this being their State show and having requirements they must meet.

New Business

- Legacy Dinner- Discussion was had about purchasing a table for \$500.00 at the Legacy Dinner in June.

- Facebook Page- Connie Smith and Sean Malone stated they feel it is best that a Director is to control the Fairgrounds Facebook page.
- Building Numbers- Discussion was had about numbering the Log Cabin Shed and the Premium Booth to have identification numbers for the insurance company.
- Midway Hours- Discussion was had about extending the Midway hours on Sunday Free Day until 10:00 P.M.
- Show Arena- Connie Smith discussed her concerns regarding the presence of individuals in the show arena during exhibitions when they are active breeders of the species being shown, even if they serve on the show committee. It isn't a good idea or perception. Randy Fisher stated it does not look professional.
- Weigh In Time- Discussion was had about moving the weigh in time to an earlier start time to accommodate exhibitors that will be participating in Jack Pot Shows on June 27 weigh in date. This request from members of the society due to this year no before or after the date accommodations are being offered. Kim Westhoven informed the board that the public perception is that the Senior Fairboard is working against the exhibitors instead of for them.
- Senior Day- Joel Spires asked why we don't have Senior Day every day instead of just one day a week?
- Ride Band Pricing- Kissel Amusement requested price increases due to increased costs they are receiving.

Motions

Old Business

1. Motion by Kim Westhoven , second by Greg Swinehart to hire Highland Security for 2026 Fairfield County Fair for night security on the North side and the Art Hall.
Motion: Passed
2. Motion by Sean Malone, second by Kim Westhoven to have Randy Fisher the voting Director for the Sales Committee.
Motion: Passed
3. Motion by Kim Westhoven , second by Doug Shaw to use Hidden View for fixing both wings of the #18 Round Cattle Barn Roof.
Motion: Passed

New Business

1. Motion by Sean Malone , second by Abigail Skinner to give the Log Cabin Shed a building number of 53.
Motion: Passed
2. Motion by Doug Leith, second by Steve Bader to give Premium Booth a building number of 54 to help with insurance identification
Motion: Passed
3. Motion by Sean Malone, second by Eric Keener to change Ride Ticket prices as follows:
 - Sunday from \$18.00 to \$20.00
 - Monday from \$18.00 to \$15.00
 - Tuesday from \$18.00 to \$20.00
 - Wednesday from \$18.00 to \$20.00
 - Thursday to keep the same price of \$15.00
 - Friday from \$16.00 to \$20.00
 - Saturday from \$18.00 to \$20.00

Motion: Passed

4. Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Abigail Skinner to start selling Grandstand Tickets online starting June 1st, 2026.
Motion: Passed
5. Motion by Sean Malone , second by Abigail Skinner to buy a table at the Legacy Dinner for \$500.00
Motion: Passed
6. Motion by Connie Smith , second by Regina Bresler to have Dale Fox get all the items that the Ag Society owns off the list that Joel Spires provided in put in one area so the board can sell or get rid of the items.
Motion: Passed
7. Motion by Sean Malone, second by Eric Keener to have the Midway hours on Sunday from Noon-10:00 PM
Motion: Passed
8. Motion by Joel Spires , second by Eric Keener to have Seniors 65 and older pay \$5.00 admission daily not just on Senior Day Wednesday.
Motion: Passed

Executive Session

A motion was made by Doug Shaw and seconded by Mark Sharp to go into Executive session to discuss personnel and employment issues_under ORC 121.22. Roll Call vote was had.

Motion passed

Time Entered: 9:15 P.M.

Time Returned: 9:45 P.M.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Joel Spires and second by Regina Bresler to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M..



David Keller, Fair President

Date: 6-16-2026



Stacey Fisher, Fair Secretary

Date: June 16, 2026