

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2024

Present: Jim Schaub, Christy Keith, Shirley Swihart, David Dick, David Grauer, Gene Esbenshade, Kathi Cutlip-Mills, and Bill McFarland

Guests: Remington Blevins, Dale Bemiller and Carol Toms

- Christy reported that we received only one application for the board vacancies, Sadie Hoyt. She recommended that we wait until the election time to fill the other position.
- Dave Dick reported that he talked to the V.P. of the Ohio Fair Plan, Open Classes. He reviewed the language Dave shared with him on the open classes. We need to use the same language in each of our classes. So they will need to be changed.
- Shirley received a bill from Adena for \$411,851.78. The money for this will need to come out of the Show Arena funds.
- Dave Dick contacted the four people who had damage to their units that were stored with us. One person is turning his into his insurance. Joe Prezio had a hole in his camper. Dave said some damage was done to hitches and feels we should pay for their replacement. He showed the members a picture of the damage that was claimed by Jeff Bisel to have happened to his pontoon boat. It was rusty and some wires were hanging down. Dave did not think it was anything we had done and will inform him that we will not pay for it.
- David D. has checked into "Weather Insurance" coverage for some of the days of the fair. He discussed having it for August 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2024. The quote was for \$1,000.00.
- David D. reported that Mindy would like to use the barn closest to the poultry barn for a show arena for the poultry. It has better ventilation.
- Gene reported that he has music booked for the Nature Park except for 2 nights.
- He also reported that we are required to provide our own PICs if any group is using either of our kitchens and serving areas. There are two different licenses, one for

Fairhaven and a different one for the Youth Hall. Since the licenses are in our names, we have to have one of our PICs there. According to an established policy the Auxiliary has the "Right of First Refusal" for food both in the kitchens and food trucks being booked on the fairgrounds. This policy has not been followed, but needs to be reinforced as these different groups are booking their own food trailers and we are not seeing any income from them. It is also imperative that if any group is selling alcohol on the grounds it is their responsibility to acquire a liquor license. The MMA fights liquor sales were shut down because they did not have a license.

- Dave Grauer Reported Ken Niese from Crawford Drainage Co. is looking into drainage behind the hog barns.
- Dave G. also reported the electrical upgrade has started. Some poles were set on Saturday but we need another 6 or 8 poles.
- Dave G. asked if the INC has made their down payment. Yes, they have.
- Dave G. reported that it was a busy week with kids from Pioneer here (8 or 9). They moved everything out of the poultry barn, picked up twigs.
- The hydrant across from the dump station was left on all of the time.
- The Dog Show was held and Dave G. reported there were at least 100 campers if not more.
- A Cattle Show was held and everyone liked the location. Dave G. reported that Luke was asked if we would be interested in holding the "Best of Show" the 1st weekend of December and another one in April. It would be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cattle could be housed in the sheep barn. They would need the old Show Arena. They would house between 400 and 500 cattle. These events should not cost us much and we would receive between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00. This could open the opportunities for us to host other animal shows throughout the year.
- Bill McFarland reported that he is going to have a Winter Storage committee to discuss some problems that we had. How things might run smoother. Develop a "best practices" manual.
- Shirley asked Gene if she should pay Skelton's bill. He asked her to wait until he sees it.

- She also asked about Zimmerman's \$2,000.00 bill – Dale Bemiller said to hold off on it as he is planning to return some of the supplies, but to go ahead and pay the \$1,000.00 bill.
- Dale B. was told to get a quote for spouting on the race horse barns.
- Dale B. needs an additional 3 loads of stone for the race horse barns.
- Kathi Cutlip-Mills shared that the Health Department would like to use the Dump Station. It will be \$5.00 each time.
- Bill McFarland made a motion to adjourn. Dave Dick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kathi Cutlip-Mills, Secretary