

**RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by President James Schaub II at 6 p.m.

Guests present were: Remington Blevins and Zac Tuttle

Dave Dick presented the following:

- Outstanding bills from Phil Metzger (\$63,177.07) and Kenny Niese (\$3,400.00). Dave is recommending that the Board pay Phil \$32,982.14; \$4500.00 from livestock committee and the remaining \$25,694.93 from the arena account. He is also recommending that the Board give Kenny \$1,900.00 and the livestock committee will pay \$1,500.00.
- Has also been reviewing our bylaws as to when new members to the Board are to be sworn in at our annual meeting in October. They are not specific as to when, at the beginning or the end of the meeting. Officers are not sworn in until the November meeting.
- Has been looking at the cost of the electrical upgrade and WIFI upgrade. He reported that it will cost approximately \$205,000.00 for these upgrades.

Gene Esbenshade reported:

- A few of us met regarding the proposed Christian Concert for the Tuesday night of fair. It was discussed how much for different acts and who to approach for sponsorships.
- He is planning to use all local singers in the Nature Park for the 2025 fair.
- Working with Skelton and the manufacturer of the coolers we recently purchased for the Youth Hall that are not working properly. We need to get rid of the corn kettle.

Dave Grauer brought up the following:

- Suggested putting things on "Market Place" that we no longer want or need.
- There is a lot of "Junk" in the wonderland building. It needs to be cleaned out. We are NOT to get rid of the sleigh that is stored in there. If there are any signs and/or plaques in the building please let Becca know as there are some missing from some of the buildings. He also shared that there is a man from Bellville who is interested in buying our old water truck.
- We have not heard anything from the Bellville Fair for use of their bleachers.
- We need to drain all of the blue hydrants and get everything around the fairgrounds winterized.
- The frames that Remington built for the peg boards need to be powder coated. There is someone in Shiloh who will do this.

- Dave Fackler was able to purchase 2 lots of “crowd control gates” on an auction. They are 6 ½ footers. He paid \$1813.50 for them. It was recommended that we purchase them from Dave F.
- We need to schedule a work day at our meeting tonight.

Christy Keith shared the following:

- Should Karen Reiman come to the Board meeting tonight, she can have 2 minutes, no more.
- There were too many kids zone events scheduled for 2025, so some have been moved to 2026. The money that we are not spending for these acts in 2025 can be used for walking acts.
- 3 tables have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at the OFMA conference.

Shirley reported:

- Premium checks have been mailed. The total amount that was issued is \$12,085.64.
- She has to have copies of the minutes for the year.

Bill McFarland shared the following:

- We will use the 4H horse barn for the county and Ontario vehicles.
- Everything from the Arts & Crafts building were moved into the Alpaca barn for storage. It is a better barn. We will need to get a lock on it.
- We will be using the rabbit barn for winter storage this year.
- Asked for permission to establish a “Winter Storage” Gmail account to be used when communicating with individuals who have stored items in our barns. Kathi has been using her personal email account for this communication. The Executive Board approved this request. Bill will establish this account.

Becca Gregg distributed the following:

- Proposed rental prices for all buildings to start January 1, 2025. The executive board reviewed each building rental fee.
- It was agreed that there must be a security deposit paid and if the group who rents the building(s) do what they were supposed to do, i.e. carry out all garbage, and there is no damage, then they will receive the security deposit back.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn G. Cutlip-Mills, Secretary