



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

July 8, 2021

Michael Peplowski	David Wilson	Russell
Wade Crofoot	[Signature]	R.D.
R. Dawson	C. Wood	[Signature]
Jim [Signature]	[Signature]	[Signature]
[Signature]	Bob Sidney	
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Caretaker: David Crofoot

Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary: Judy Parker

4-H Extension Rep: [Signature]

Minutes: December 3, 2020

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**VISITORS:** Special Presentation: Meeting Guests

Wade deferred to Bob Dawson to introduce two meeting guests that Bob had been working with on a special initiative. Bob started by saying that 2021 will be his 44<sup>th</sup> Fair in a formal capacity and he felt today would be the most amazing day of his tenure with the Board. Bob then introduced Loraine Fende and John Rogers from the Lake County Land Bank and explained that the Land Bank was actually a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization (like the Fair) with the purpose of reutilizing real property and buildings within Lake County. Loraine is the Lake County Treasurer and a member of the Land Bank Board. John Rogers is a founding member of the organization and the only Director in the Land Bank's existence. Mr. Rogers shared the history of the Land Bank and gave details around its purpose, activities and the make-up of its governing Board of Directors. John complemented the Fair Board on their work and discussed the importance of agriculture in Lake County and Ohio. He and Loraine then presented Bob Dawson with a check to the Lake County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$125,364.00 earmarked for retiring the debt left from the construction of the new Youth and Community Center. The presentation was concluded to a standing ovation of the Fair Board and the Ladies Auxiliary who were in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from June 3, 2021. Todd Demshar seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the June financial. Cindy Woodman wanted to thank Bob Dawson for his commitment and hard work in getting not only the Land Bank but also the Cleveland Foundation funds. Dave Wilcox made a motion to approve the financial report. Joe Slansky seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michelle reported correspondence was received from Summit Academy thanking us for participating in their Family Fun night.

A call was received to hold a vaccination clinic during Kids Day at the fair. A motion was made to allow a bus to be here to distribute vaccines from Georgianne Adams. It was seconded by Dick Parker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS: Fair Safety Plan:** Bob Dawson reported that the safety plan resulted in a group of Directors that put it together. The back cover, paragraph 5 says everything. This will probably not be needed for this year's fair but we now have it if needed in the future.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Adopt Premium Book:** Dick Parker made a motion to adopt the 2021 Premium Book. Jim Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Director Courtesy Passes:** Wade reported that Courtesy Passes for Directors were distributed.

- **Promotions and Changes of Fair:** Bob reported a hand out of the changes that were implemented for the 2020 fair state the changes and promotions that will be used for the Gates and Tickets training on Monday for the fair this year.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

- **Advertising:** Publicity: Bob Dawson

- **Audit of Bills:** Bob Dawson

- **Building: Availability & Usage:** Joe Slansky

**Care & Maintenance:** Wade reported the 3 partitions for the building are in. We have also received the ice maker and warming oven. Blinds for the building are on order as is another long prep table for the kitchen.

- **Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Rich Van Pelt reported he has dairy cattle coming in. Dave will check the milking tanks.

- **4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor reported the auction will be live and not online.

- **Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported she is having challenges this year. We may not have an ice person. She has worked that the Fair Board will be covered with ice needs but vendors may be on their own due to the Ice Company prices and terms being too high. Cindy also reported she talked to the electrician and they will be on the grounds Monday morning before fair.

- **Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported we will be having a Mountain Bike show in place of pig racing.

- **Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported there are seven candidates for Fair Queen. The Tea will be held in the Youth & Community Center on Sunday, July 11 from 2 – 4.

- **Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported training for Gates and Tickets will be on Monday, July 12. FYI and new things will be discussed. The biggest item will be reserve seating for the grandstands for the Monster Truck and Demo Derby shows. Bob also reported that the commissioners will reimburse us for the purchase of scanners and the thermal printer needed for the online ticket sales. The commissioners are also still on track for purchasing the wifi for the fairgrounds. This will not be done before fair though.

- **Golf Carts:** Michelle reported golf cart sponsorship is still available.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported to let him know any needs for the fairgrounds. Wade also reported that the township walked the ditch to the back area of the fairgrounds.

**-Parade:** Joe Slansky reported Lora Current, a past OFMA Fairs Queen is now Miss Ohio. She will be in the parade. Our Grand Marshal will be the 2021 OFMA Fairs Queen Mozie Van Raaij.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported he is still struggling to get parking personnel. He will probably also need a tractor driver.

**-Police-Safety-First Aid:** Cindy reported Kissel will be in the week before fair and a meeting should be set up with them and the fire and police.

**-Poultry & Rabbits:** Georgianne Adams reported that she has four days of eggs in the incubator. The chicks will go back to the person donating the eggs. We need to decide if we will allow people near the unit holding the chicks or if we need to block it off some.

**-Rentals:** Bob reported that he shared with the Land Bank the building usage and would like for the Fair Board to have this list at the next meeting.

**-Voice of the Fair –** Dick Parker reported one more spot is needed to be filled.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported the Pre-fair meeting is Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. She reported she has a request from a Saddle horse youth that wants to be able to shoot off a cap gun during the Free Style Reining during fair and would like the Fair Board approval to do so. Lisa reported the Milk Shake booth sign up has been sent out. She has applied for a Food Booth license. A new lock needs to be put on the old sheriff building. They will have the same food as in the past except hamburger for the food booth.

**OTHER MATTERS: Happy Birthday Dave Wilcox Sr.**

Dick Parker made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Jim Slansky, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**