



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

May 4, 2023

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| <i>Michael Peplowski</i> | <i>Bob Dawson</i> | <i>S-D</i> |
| <i>Cindy Woodman</i> | <i>Michelle Byram</i> | |
| <i>Wade Crofoot</i> | <i>Bob Dawson</i> | |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>Jerry Mader</i> | |
| <i>RU-V</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> | |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>Adam</i> | |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>Jan Farrell</i> | |

Caretaker: *David C. Johnson* Concessions: _____
 Auxiliary: _____ 4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: May 4, 2023

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

VISITORS: There were no visitors in attendance.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6 as revised, Dave Wilcox seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for April 2023. Todd Demshar made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor. During discussion on the Financial Report, Bob Dawson directed the Board's attention to page #2 of the check register. Bob explained that the April 28th deposit of \$47,872.34 was first-time money electronically deposited from ODA. The OFMA had been working for about 3 years with ODA, the Legislature and the Governor's Office to secure this money which has no strings attached. It is not specified for bonded capital projects as previous funds have been and there is no matching requirement. Bob also stated that OFMA is currently working with Legislature to make this kind of support a regular line item in the bi-annual State Budget. Bob also mentioned that the current budget bill (HB33) which is now under deliberations in the Ohio Senate, is carrying a provision to double each fair's Jr. Fair Reimbursement from approximately \$4,000 per year to \$8,000 per year. The new budget will be finalized by July 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle reported she received an email asking to put a mural in the Natural Resources Building on the fairgrounds. Wade stated this would be placed on a canvas and put on the wall. Todd Demshar made a motion to approve the mural, seconded by Cindy Woodman.

OLD BUSINESS: Money Room Position: Bob Dawson reported Reva West was interviewed for the position. Dawn developed a system for the computer to help with the reconciliation in the money room. Bob hopes to finalize the decision so a new person can get acclimated to the system. Cindy Woodman made a motion to let the Committee proceed with hiring for the position. Georgianne Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Premium Book:** Michelle reported that the first draft of the book has been reviewed and submitted.

NEW BUSINESS: Board approval for alcohol at fair: Bob Dawson made a motion to allow beer sales during the 2023 Lake County Fair. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Calendars: Michelle reported that the next couple of months are busy. Bob mentioned the Sidley shareholder meeting scheduled for May 26 in the Community Center. Bob reported that the Sidley's have donated a lot to the building and the fairgrounds in general for many years. Bob requested a resolution from the fair be presented at the meeting. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMITTEES:

-**Advertising, Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported diner placemats will start soon. Also the digital board for the Great Garage Sale will start next week. Sponsorship for this year is \$48,500. We haven't had a solid number of sponsorships like this in years. We received a \$6,600 sponsorship for the Dirt Night Motor Mayhem from the Lake County Visitor's Bureau and Commissioners.

-**Entertainment:** Cindy questioned if the Latino night could end at 9:00 pm so that we can shut down the fair at 10:00 on Sunday. Security has been an issue shutting down in a timely manner. Bob noted that other fairs are closing earlier and not allowing kids in alone after a certain time to minimize problems.

- **Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported applications are due on May 11. Interviews will be held on June 10.

-**Government Coordination:** Jerry Merhar reported he had a meeting with the Commissioners. We will not be getting any funds this year unless we request something.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported windows have been ordered. Sam Miller will be coming next week for the pavilion.

Bob reported that Jodi have advised us of how sick Frank is. Discussion was had on the lease and job description. Grounds and Rentals will have a meeting on May 16 to discuss how to handle this.

Wade reported that Jim Slansky and himself met with Painesville Township and Soil and Water about putting in a retention pond south of the Maintenance Building where the old barn is at and would give up property in exchange on the corner of Fairdale and also a new barn.

-**Police-Safety-First Aid:** Cindy Woodman reported there will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 in the office with the sheriff dept.

-**Rentals:** Cindy Woodman reported Project Hope is taking on more buildings for their rental in August. The Loui Run will be this Sunday and the Irish Festival will be in August. A Ham Radio group will be using the chute area June 17 for some of their communications.

-**Voice of the Fair** – Jerry Merhar reported emails will be going out around the 15th of the month.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller was not in attendance.

OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB AND JIM SLANSKY!

-Dave Wilcox reported he talked to Brian Rahl and he stated they will be back again this year with CARES.

Dave Wilcox made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Georgianne Adams, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Byram". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 1 @ 7:30 p.m.