



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

July 6, 2023

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Wade Crofoot	Dave Wiley	RU-25
Michael Peplowski	<i>[Signature]</i>	Jerry Merhar
J. Adams	C. Woodruff	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jim Slansky	R. Parker	<i>[Signature]</i>
Joe Slansky	Steve Allen	

Caretaker: David Heron Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Extension Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

### Minutes: July 6, 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 June 1, 2023. Todd Demshar seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for May and June, 2023. Michelle made note that \$200,000 from the contingency fund was transferred to a 11-month CD with a 5.13% interest rate. Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the financial report. Rob Sidley seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence to report.

**OLD BUSINESS: ATM** – Michelle reported that the ATM machine for the Community Center has been received. Joe Slansky reported he will install it next week sometime.

- **Director Shirts** – Michelle reported shirts have been ordered.
- **State Support** - Bob Dawson reported to the Board that the Governor had just signed Ohio's new two-year budget and there is \$4.7 million dollars in the budget for Fairs. Each Fair will receive \$50,000 in the second year of the budget after July 1, 2024. This money was something that the OFMA and their representative Amanda Sines had been working on for some time. Senator Cirino and Representatives Callender and Troy all supported this action. There will also be \$10 million in grants available to fairs through the Department of Development. This is a brand new opportunity with details to follow.

**NEW BUSINESS: Adopt Premium Book** – Cindy Woodman made a motion to adopt the 2023 Lake County Fair Premium Book. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

**-Camping:** Mike Peplowski reported Lisa will announce at the All Advisor meeting the issue last year regarding the underage drinking. The Fair Board has the power to remove wristbands. It is stated in the camping rules that all individuals under the age of 18 must be under adult supervision and all rules are to be followed.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman had conversation of where certain vendors will be located.

**-Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported the Magic show will show up on July 23 and set up on July 24.

**- Fair Queen:** Michelle reported the Queen's Tea will be held on Sunday, July 9 at 2:00.

**-Garage Sale:** Dave Wilcox reported that someone from the garage sale gave him a 1912 Fair Book.

**-Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported training will be on Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm. There is a new group for the Armory and Front Service Gate.

**-Golf Carts:** Todd Demshar reported all is in line, but he will contact them to make sure.

**-Government Coordination:** Jerry Merhar reported things are going very well. Any leftover funds after the asphalt project will be applied to the Commercial Building Roof. Each Commissioner was able to choose an interest that they have and Commissioner Plecnik chose the fair. He is asking us for a wish list.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported all asphalt work has been completed. The loop in the back will get tarred and chipped. Striping still needs to be completed. Gravel has been delivered for the berms, the gate needs raised and telephone poles have been delivered. Will try to avoid hole in the asphalt for the tents, but if needed, they will be predrilled. Hoping to use sandbags instead of putting holes in the asphalt.

Randy has saved the fair a lot of money by hauling out manure.

Wade reported help will be needed after fair to clean barns.

**-Draft Horse:** Steve Ohmes reported horse pulls have been moved to Saturday. This will free up the Armory lot for Friday.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported he may need a tractor driver for Friday of fair.

**-Rentals:** Cindy Woodman reported that the Irish Festival has been cancelled.

**-Voice of the Fair** – Jerry Merhar reported he will need a 6-passenger golf cart to use on Sunday before fair.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Breanna Hostetler reported the prefair meeting will be Monday, July 10. All are welcome. She wanted to confirm that the Armory parking lot would be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during fair.

**OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE WILCOX SR.**

Joe Slansky made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Mike Peplowski, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Byram*

Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**