



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

February 6, 2025

Mike Peplowski	XXXXXXXXXX	Halcyon
Jim Blom	Full	St. Ch
XXXXXXXXXX	S. J.	
Joe St.	Dave Wixom	
Kenna Covert	Farrell	
Michelle Byram	RV-2	

Caretaker: Donald C. Anderson

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: February 6, 2025

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

VISITORS: Commissioner Morris Beverage III was in attendance. Commissioner Beverage wanted to thank the Fair Board for the use of the community center during the code blue event. Code blue is a group of nonprofits that provide shelter for the homeless once the outside temperature drops below a certain degree. At the last minute, there were problems with the building that currently is used, and it was not available. Commissioner Beverage stated that unfortunately they will not be able to get the building fixed for this season. He has been in contact with other sources to find a building to use. They would like to use the community center again if needed. Bob Dawson stated that we should allow the county to use the building for the rest of this season if it isn't already booked. Kenna Covert seconded and all were in favor. A February and March calendar was given to Commissioner Beverage showing its availability.

Commissioner Beverage also reported that there will be a Dinner of Champions Fundraiser with 4-H projects being on the menu. This will be held on April 10 at Bistro 70. Details will be sent out at a later date.

MINUTES: Todd Demshar made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2025. Mike Peplowski seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for January 2025. Michelle reported that a donation in the amount of \$178,730.23 was made to the Foundation by Dick and Judy Parker. This donation is to be used for a major project on the fairgrounds. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from The Pealers

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: District 5 & 9 meeting: This will be held on Sunday, March 30 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. More details to follow once received. Bob Dawson stated that this will be a pretty important meeting since the bird flu is pretty serious and a county farm had to euthanize an entire farm. This will be part of the general session. Bob stated that the governor stated there will be nothing extra for fairs as of yet.

- **Premium Book Changes:** Michelle reported sections of the premium book have been distributed to the committees for changes. Michelle would like these changes to be made no later than mid March.

COMMITTEES:

-**Advertising/Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported info was sent out to some sponsors and a few have responded already.

-**Audit of Bills:** Jim Slansky

- **Building: Care & Maintenance:** Joe Slansky reported he is still working on the building lock to find out the issue.

-**Camping:** Mike Peplowski reported that spaces will be \$200 for the week. Wade Crofoot reported we have around \$16,000 left from the grant that we still need to account for in the campground. Looking at pricing for chain link fencing. There was much discussion regarding what to do with the spaces between the Fairgrounds Road entrance and the Draft Horse gate. This will be tabled until a later date.

-**4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor reported the auction will have some change for this year. Registration will start at 11:00 am and the small animals auction will start at noon. The large animals auction will begin at 4:00 pm. Sam stated that if the bird flu is still a problem, poultry will still be able to be sold, the animals just can't come to fair. This has happened a few other times in the past.

-**Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported the committee met before the meeting and the schedule should be set.

-**Finance & Budget:** Bob Dawson reported we have a solid financial.

- **Government Coordinator:** Todd Demshar reported the Lake County Commissioners wanted to name Saturday of fair AM250 Day and giveaway bobbleheads and have other giveaways. They plan to be in the parade and would like a space in or around the Log Cabin to display at. The Commissioners stated if we want something special from them to let them know. The committee is made up of several large organizations. Todd will get more information at their next meeting on February 19.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported he got a price on repairing the people mover of around \$1,500.

-**Draft Horse:** Steve Ohmes reported that some groups want to drive in for the driving shows and leave after the hitch classes.

-**Saddle Horse:** Kenna Covert reported that the Saturday night show will be a contesting show.

-**Rentals:** It was reported that the Viking Festival has paid their deposit to hold their event at the fairgrounds.

- **Technology:** Joe Slansky reported there was a meeting with LakeTec. They want us to sign a contract with them. They will attend a Fair Board meeting with a proposal once the repairs have been made. Joe also reported that we had a zoom meeting with Fairs.com explaining what they had to offer for the fair. Joe also has been in contact with a sign company and has given them the specs of our sign so that they can give us a proposal.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning was not in attendance but it was reported that the hoe down was fantastic. The fair theme was picked, and it is Rodeo/Cowboy Boots & Fair Roots.

OTHER MATTERS: Kenna Covert questioned that if someone wanted to have a building built on the fairgrounds, who would they contact. Kenna also wanted to know who would own the building once it is built. Wade stated it would go before the Fair Board. A complete proposal needs to be presented to the Fair Board. Bob Dawson stated the Ohio Revised Code states anything built on the fairgrounds becomes property of the county, however, if we have an annual fair, it is owned by the Fair Board. Buildings are owned and insured by the county.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAM!

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 6 @ 7:30 p.m.