



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 4, 2025


Caretaker:

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

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Rep:

### Minutes:

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

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2025. Jeremy Hejduk seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for July and August, 2025. Bob Dawson questioned the outstanding balance for Casey's Concessions. Cindy Woodman reported it was an oversight balance from the 2024 fair that she is still trying to collect on. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the financial report, Jim Slansky seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you's: Michelle reported two thank you's were received, one from Lisa Manning and the other from Jr. Market Livestock.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS: District 9 Fall Meeting:** Michelle reported the District 9 fall meeting will be held at the Summit fairgrounds on Monday, October 27. Please let her know if there is an interest in attending.

- **Ladies Auxiliary Clam Bake:** Michelle reported the clam bake will be held on Saturday, October 18. Tickets will be available from any Ladies Auxiliary member.

- **Fair Board Director Elections:** October 2 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Workers are needed.

- **Constitution & By-laws Alteration Proposal:** Todd Demshar reported a mentoring program is needed for the board to allow new directors' guidance. Todd presented to the board a proposal (included with the agenda), so it can be voted on at the annual meeting. Many thoughts were discussed regarding the change to the language of the Constitution Article 2 – Directors requesting to remove the amount of emeritus and allowing them to vote. Also discussed were the roles of Jr. Fair Board and Director positions. Bob Dawson stated that although mentoring is important, emeritus positions were created for honorary recognition of someone who has retired from the position but has a distinguished position and is still living. Jim Farrell stated that the emeritus position cannot be a voting position. It was decided to table the discussion, but also to continue to pursue mentoring ideas. Maybe have something at convention to address this issue.

## **COMMITTEES:**

-**4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor reported the fair is in the Farm & Dairy.

-**Advertising:** Publicity: Bob Dawson reported he would like to raise the bar for sponsorship for next year. He will jump start it the first of the year.

-**Garage Sale:** Michelle reported the garage sale will be September 13. Spaces are filling up.

-**Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported at the budget meeting last year, we projected prices of tickets for the main gate and infield will be going up. This will be discussed at the budget meeting this year. The meeting will be held the last week of October. Jeremy stated that two fairs he was at had to pay full price admission after purchasing pit passes. Some fairs had cashless gates. Ashtabula had positive feedback for pay one price. Grandstand personnel were not needed.

-**Golf Carts:** Todd Demshar reported he will probably use the same company next year.

-**Government Coordination:** Jerry Merhar reported an email went out from the republican party pushing memberships for the fair. A letter of reprimand is being send out for doing this.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported he is putting together pricing for grandstand repairs: fencing, hand rails on steps, press siding and doors. Wade will have a short grounds meeting after the Fair Board meeting.

-**Draft Horse:** Wade reported he would like to keep the draft horse pulls in the plaisted ring instead of the grandstands. Cindy stated they are looking to move the pulls to Saturday evening.

-**Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported the trailer parking worked out. There was plenty of room for them.

- **Technology:** Joe Slansky reported there was a brief meeting last night. He will set up another meeting regarding Laketec. The concern is there is a system in place and without the proper updates, it won't work properly. Joe would also like to add cameras to the main entrances of the fairgrounds

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Manning reported the movie night will be Saturday in the livestock complex. Lisa is working with Perry schools. They want to partner with 4-H with the K-4<sup>th</sup> graders to display at fair. They are hoping to put it in the school building. She also would like to get them involved in Jr. Leaders to have a different role at fair, besides animals. Lisa reported that Harding has a good Jr. Fair Board program. Our 4-H kids don't have time to do other things. They have other types of groups involved like boy scouts, girl scouts, etc. Kids that don't have activities at fair that can do more at the fair.

**OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY KENNA AND JIM FARRELL!**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 2 @ 7:30 p.m.**