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LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

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Michael A. Peplowski	Tom Oval	R. Painter
Wade Crofoot	Jeremy Hejduk	Mike
Michelle Byram	Joe	S. M.
Delma	Cindy	Jim Farrell
Jim	Cindy Woodman	
Joe	Wade	
Karen Lee	Wade	

Caretaker: _____

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: October 2, 2025

President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

VISITORS: Natalie Pachinger and Thomas Seymour were in attendance.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from September 4, 2025. Jeremy Hejduk seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for September 2025. Cindy Woodman stated the past due invoice for Kissel Amusements was for fuel for the generator. Kissels are on the road, but it is assured they will be taken care of. Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the financial report. Wade Crofoot seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Space Request for Community Bike Donation Project: Wade reported a request for heated space to repair bicycles through June 2026 was received from Jason Boyd. Michelle stated she informed Jason that all areas have storage in them but would bring it to the Fair Board. Discussion was held about what area could be utilized for this. It was decided the area below the old office may work. Cindy suggested having them look at it with her to see if this would fit the need.

OLD BUSINESS: District 9 Fall Meeting: Michelle reported there is a date change for the meeting. It will be held on Thursday, October 30.

Ladies Auxiliary Clam Bake: October 18: Michelle reported tickets are still available and to contact Ladies Auxiliary members for tickets.

NEW BUSINESS: OFMA Convention: January 14 – 18, 2026: Michelle asked that convention forms be turned in as soon as possible.

-OFMA Gala Tickets: Bob Dawson made a motion the Fair Board purchase two OFMA Gala Tickets. Todd Demshar seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

2026 Fair Date Request to ODA: Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the Fair Date request form OAC 901-5-11 for the dates of July 28 – August 2 for the 2026 fair. Todd Demshar seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- 2026 Ohio Fair Funds Request: Mike Peplowski made a motion to accept the fair funds request to Ohio Fairs Fund Money ORC3769.082 for General Operations, Track Maintenance, Purse Money for Non-Specified Races (Non-Stake Races) and Purse Money for 8 Stake Races. Wade Crofoot seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Committees: Joe reported committee sheets need to be completed and turned in and Cindy and himself will get together on it.

COMMITTEES:

- Advertising/Publicity: Bob Dawson reported we received the funds from Tour Lake County and the Commissioners for fair sponsorship of just under \$6,000. Bob asked when getting memberships to get email addresses from everyone so to use for sending out notices. Kenna asked if text messaging would also work.

-Entertainment: Joe reported he will be having an entertainment meeting before the budget meeting.

-Finance & Budget: Bob Dawson reported a budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:00 in the fair office. Bob asked that any capital money desires be brought in to be put on the agenda.

-Garage Sale: Dave Wilcox Jr. reported the weather for the Garage Sale was perfect and they sold out spaces.

- Gates: Bob Dawson reported we need to see where we stand with the wifi.

-Grounds: Wade reported the backflow project should be soon. They are waiting on a couple items

Wade reported he would like to include in the budget:

Grandstand fencing and remodeling the booth. Possible fencing in the infield area with permanent fence to alleviate the issues during fair of people getting in. This would be 6' cyclone fencing with a rail on top.

A Kabota tractor for \$43,000. Delivery is out 3-4 months currently. Wade is looking to trade in two that we have. Also, a brush hog to replace the one we have.

A service vehicle ranging from \$15,000 to \$23,000.

Down the road a water truck will also be needed.

Cindy Woodman would like to make updates to the Concession building to add a computer system for contracts. Cindy also requested adding more lighting on the front midway.

Mike Peplowski suggested tightening up the man gates by the booths.

-Marketing: Mike Peplowski reported he received commercial parking info and will look into it.

- Parade: Joe reported the Lieutenant Governor is supposed to be the grand marshal for the America 250 for the parade next year. Todd will get verification on this.

-Rentals: Cindy Woodman reported the circus is going on this weekend. The Viking Festival is looking into entered into an agreement for next year. A few items need to be ironed out.

-Technology: Joe reported a meeting was held with Cory from Laketech. He will be coming back with contract pricing on a system to help us with our usage. Coverage is needed to protect the equipment.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning stated she had nothing to report.

OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE, CINDY & RICH!

Wade Crofoot made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Todd Demshar, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram
Secretary

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