



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

June 4, 2026

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 Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Extension Rep: *[Signature]*

### Minutes: June 4, 2026

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

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

**MINUTES:** Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2026. Sam Taylor seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for May 2026. Sam Taylor made a motion to approve the financial report. Kenna Covert seconded. All were in favor.

Bob Dawson made a request to amend the capital section of the current financial budget. The current capital budget was slightly more than \$60,000. The expenditures represented in the budget has been completed or is nearing completion and is in line with the budget. While recently repairing downed wiring inside the racetrack, it was determined that the primary wiring system should be replaced. The current wiring is estimated to be at least 75 years old. It supplies power to most all the lighting on the south side of the fairgrounds and the new campground completed last year. Over 2,500 feet of #2 primary wire is needed for this project along with the appropriate insulators and other hardware. We have secured pricing for the materials and labor at \$13,000. This work should be completed prior to the 2026 Fair. Bob made a motion to increase the capital budget by \$13,000 for the purpose of the wiring project Sam Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Resignation from Todd Demshar. Michelle reported that the Fair Board received a letter of resignation from Todd Demshar. Dick Parker made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Rob Sidley. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Letter of intent from John Slansky: Michelle reported and read a letter received by John Slansky showing an interest in the vacant At-Large-Central Director position. It was discussed that John would be a great asset to the Fair Board but should wait a while to fill the position so that if there are others that are interested, they can come forward. Discussed to possibly wait until the October elections.

**OLD BUSINESS: Audit:** Michelle reported she has not heard anything on the audit, except for receiving an invoice for it. Total cost of just under \$4,400.

**NEW BUSINESS: Hall of Fame Nominations:** Bob Dawson reported two Hall of Fame nominations have been received. Wade Crofoot is the first nominee. Wade has been eligible for years, but policy states presidents can not get nominated. Wade has been involved with the fair for many years, even before becoming a Fair Board Director and has contributed to numerous improvements on the fairgrounds.

Nelson & Teresa Cintron are the second nomination. They have contributed to making changes to the fair by hosting Latino Day at the fair.

There will be a press release announcing the Hall of Fame nominees. We will hold off until our Annual Meeting on October 1 to recognize the awards and then again celebrate them at our annual clambake on October 17. Bob Dawson made a motion to accept the nominations. Sam Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Cybersecurity Policy:** Bob Dawson briefly discussed the new Cybersecurity Policy that had been sent to the board prior to the meeting for review. All Local Government Entities must implement a Cybersecurity Policy under Ohio Law. The purpose of the policy is to establish a framework for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of the Lake County Agricultural Society's information, data and technology systems and to comply with the new law. Bob spoke to some of the high points in the policy including the scope, various roles and responsibilities and training requirements. Bob said the policy was formulated from information and guidelines provided by CyberOhio and the office of Auditor of State Keith Faber. Jim Farrell reviewed the policy. Following Bob's presentation Cindy Woodman moved and Sam Taylor seconded a motion to adopt the policy as presented. The motion carried.

- **COMMITTEES:**

**-Advertising: Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported that online ticketing is now available and on our website. Bob reported that another sponsor has been secured for the parade.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported we are light vendors for the commercial midway and building vendors. Judi is going through old vendors, and it is going to be posted on Facebook to see if we can get more interest.

Cindy reported a few items will need to be covered for fair: we are looking for someone to take over bagging ice. Jim Slansky stated he will take care of it.

We will need to get the generator for the rides. Wade Crofoot said he will handle that.

Golf carts will need to be attended. Dave Wilcox Jr. stated Jeremy and himself will take care of the golf carts.

Cindy reported there is a golf cart vendor that would like to donate a six-seater golf cart for advertising purposes.

**-Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported the entertainment is pretty squared away.

Cindy stated she will be making a final order for tents next week.

**-Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported five applications for fair queen were received. Interviews will be held on Saturday, June 13.

**-Garage Sale:** Dave Wilcox Jr reported it was a beautiful day with good turnout from vendors. The visitor turnout was light.

**-Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported there are four gates that need workers. Dawn is working on the grandstand schedule. Gates training will be held July 13 and fairs.com will be at the training.

**-Golf Carts:** Joe Slansky reported sponsors are needed for the golf carts. Michelle has applications if needed. They were mailed out to all prior sponsors.

**-Government Coordination:** Michelle reported she emailed the invoice for the backflow work to Jason Boyd. Joe Slansky reported he will reach out to the Commissioners to see how to handle a coordinator.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported he worked out a proposal for electricians for fair. Will send it to a few to get quotes. Dick, Jeremy and Sam are working out the details for the livestock auction booth that will go on the Natural Resources building. The cupolas have been put in on the livestock building and should move a lot of air. Dirt was delivered to the arenas.

Wade reported Painesville Twp will donate a payloader for the week of fair. Leppo will be loaning us equipment. Tractors for the people movers will be taken care of by Dick Parker.

**-Parade:** Joe Slansky reported he asked about the status of the permit and was told it is still going through the channels.

**-Poultry & Rabbits:** Kenna Covert reported Colleen will again provide the eggs for the incubator.

**-Publications:** Michelle Byram reported the books should be in the office the week of June 15. The premium book is up on the website to view currently.

**-Rentals:** Cindy Woodman reported the committee met after the May Fair Board meeting regarding the armory lease. They currently have a three-year lease that expires in 2027 and would like an additional five years. The committee agreed to extend the lease for five years with a 7% increase in the first year and a 3% increase each year after. Bob Dawson questioned if there is clause in the lease stating that if the land is sold, the lease would end. Jim Farrell will review the current lease and find the appropriate wording. Bob Dawson made a motion to accept the five-year proposal, with the additional wording. Wade Crofoot seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**-Rings: Dunsailin & Plaisted:** Kenna Covert reported two more names have been added to the rails.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Manning introduced her intern that she had with her. Lisa discussed with Jim Slansky about the stuff the truck information. Lisa stated the pre-fair meeting will be July 13.

**OTHER MATTERS: Fraud Training:** Michelle reported the fraud training will take place at the next meeting. Mike Peplowski will bring an overhead projector and laptop so all can view.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

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