



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

July 16, 2026

<i>David Ross</i>	<i>Joe Slansky</i>	
<i>John Aspell</i>	<i>Jim Furell</i>	
<i>Michael Peplowski</i>	<i>SDP</i>	
<i>Kevin Cant</i>		
<i>Jim Slansky</i>		
<i>CUW</i>		
<i>NATASHA</i>		

Caretaker: *David Ross*

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: *SDP*

Minutes:

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

VISITORS: Suz Walker attended the meeting. She stated she was in 4-H and was also on Jr. Fair Board by in the '60's. She just wanted to attend the meeting before fair and offered help if any is needed.

Dustin Russell, the NE Ohio Regional Liaison for Secretary of State Frank LaRose attended the meeting commending the fair for their dedication to the fair industry and agriculture. Mr. Russell presented the Fair Board with a recognition for the fair on behalf of the State of Ohio and Secretary of State Frank LaRose

MINUTES: Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9th. Mike Peplowski seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: No financials to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Director Pay: Joe Slansky reported the director's pay has been distributed.

- **Cleaning and decorating – Thursday July 23 5:30 pm** – This is put on by Ladies Auxiliary. Pizza and drinks will be served under the Millie Tuescher pavilion by the Log Cabin. Cleaning of the entry booths and decorating of the fairgrounds will take place after. All are welcome to help.

COMMITTEES:

-4-H Livestock Auction: Sam Taylor reported the numbers are up for this year, so the barns will be full. There will be around 340 lots, when usually they have around 250. Goats will be back in the open barn this year.

-Advertising: Publicity: Bob Dawson reported we are in good shape with around \$40,000 in sponsorship.

There will be a special programming on WKKY on Sunday morning at 9:30 am about the fair. Newspaper advertisements will be printed next week. There will be a large one in the Tribune.

-Camping: Mike Peplowski reported that all campsites have been sold. Michelle Byram reported a waiting list has been started.

Bob Dawson reported power in the campground will be turned off to do work starting tomorrow and running through Saturday.

-Concessions: Cindy Woodman reported tents have arrived today. They will be back next week to bring a replacement tent for one that was incorrect.

Beer has been lined up, and new signage is being made.

-Fair Queen: Michelle Byram reported River Livengood is our new fair queen. Carly Schwartz is first runner up and Addysen Olsen is second runner up. Michelle advised the Fair Board to let her know if they need the queen and/or her court for any events during fair.

-Fine Arts: Cindy Woodman reported she will start taking entries starting Sunday.

-Gates & Tickets: Bob Dawson reported training was Tuesday with a low turnout, but everything was reviewed for those that did attend.

-Government Coordination: Joe Slansky reported he will be attending the America 250 meeting which will be on Thursday next week at 11:30 am.

-Grounds: Wade Crofoot reported painting of the rails in the grandstand is completed and fencing will be up Tuesday. Sam Miller is coming tomorrow for the siding on the Natural Resource building.

Equipment will be arriving next week for fair. The barns will be sprayed on Tuesday.

Joe Slansky reported the camping pole in the old director lot is energized.

-Insurance: Bob Dawson advised the Board on the annual insurance renewal which arrived recently. Our insurance is through the Ohio Public Entities Pool. We have been a participant in the program for the past 23 years and approximately 70 of Ohio's fairs are insured through the program. The renewal premium is \$40,000. After a \$1,000 safety grant credit, which we have applied for, the net premium represents approximately an 8% increase. We have approximately \$750,000 of personal property insured including the new electronic sign and our new tractor and accessories since the last renewal and the underwriter increased our equipment values by 5% for current inflation. The equipment coverage represents \$5,000 of the annual premium. The other \$35,000 of premium is for liability on a \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000 basis which are calculated from our total annual revenues. Liability markets are currently very tight.

-Parade: Joe Slansky reported there will be a parade meeting following the Fair Board meeting tonight.

-Parking & Transportation: Mike Peplowski reported parking is all lined up.

-Police-Safety-First Aid: Cindy Woodman reported there will be a safety meeting on Tuesday at 11:00 am in the fair office. The parade, drones, and an update on the emergency evacuation will be topics of discussion.

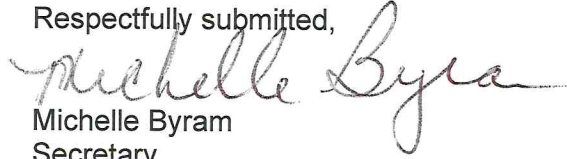
-Poultry & Rabbits: Kenna Covert reported pens are set up.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning reported she has four clubs that are doing floats for the parade. She will email Joe their information.

OTHER MATTERS: No other matters to report.

PAY BILLS & ADJOURN: Cindy Woodman made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Wade Crofoot, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle Byram". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Michelle Byram
Secretary

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