



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 3, 2026

Michael A. Peplowski	Natalie Byram	
Bob Dawson	Joe Slansky	
Richard Parker		
Jim Slansky		
Bob Dawson		
Richard Parker		
Jim Slansky		

Caretaker: Don C. Hansen

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: Jim Slansky

Minutes:

President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

VISITORS: Anna Barthol attended the Fair Board meeting introducing herself as a candidate for the Mentor position. Anna thanked the Fair Board for their time and consideration.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from September 3, 2026. Richard Parker seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for July 2026. Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Bob Dawson seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you Northeast Ohio Christian Coalition: A thank you was received from the Northeast Ohio Christian Coalition that Bob Dawson attended. Bob reported that between 80 & 90 people were in attendance. Bob stated when he asked how many had attended the fair, around 2/3 of them had.

- **Thank you from Lisa Manning:** Lisa sent a thank you to the Fair Board for their support to 4-H and herself.

- **Resignation letter from Lisa Manning:** Lisa emailed a letter to the Fair Board informing them that she will be resigning as the 4-H educator. She will remain as the Family and Consumer Science educator in Lake County.

- **Retirement letter from Michelle Byram:** Michelle emailed a letter to the Fair Board informing them that she plans to retire as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lake County Fair Board. The transition will take place sometime in the spring of 2027.

OLD BUSINESS: Fair Summary: Fair Income vs. Expenses: Bob Dawson reported that the updated fair summary is included in the packet and it is close to the numbers reported last month.

NEW BUSINESS: Elections: Michelle Byram reported workers are needed for the elections that will be held on Thursday, October 1 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Natalie, Jeremy and Cindy will be able to help. Michelle stated that the date on the membership is incorrect and should read October 1. Bob Dawson stated to inform those running of the correct date.

- **Secretary/Treasurer position committee:** Joe Slansky reported he will be putting together a committee for the selection of the secretary/treasurer position.

CALENDAR: Bob Dawson noted that on the calendar it lists the Ladies Auxiliary Clambake that will be held on Saturday, October 17. Bob also stated that the Hall of Fame candidates, Wade Crofoot and Nelson & Teresa Cintron will be introduced that evening, and their meals should be covered. Also, there are a few other guests that should be included that went above and beyond at fair for us, Courtney Smith and Harley Hamilton. It is suggested that all of these people and their guests should be covered. The motion for the meals for these eight individuals to be covered was made by Bob Dawson. Richard Parker seconded the motion, and all were in favor with the motion passing.

COMMITTEES:

-**4-H Livestock Auction:** Bob Dawson reported that he has been watching other auctions closely and that the Lake County Fair auction was larger than Trumbull County Fair.

-**Advertising: Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported the Tribune has folded. Bob reported that Becky Creed met with us to inform us that she went to another company and will continue to do the premium book at no cost to the fair.

-**Audit of Bills:** Bob Dawson stated that there is a radio missing from fair and the fair has been charged almost \$500 for the radio. More responsibility needs to be done by checking the radios out. Draft horses used several radios during fair. There needs to be a better way to sign the radios out so we know who has them. Lisa Manning stated that she has purchased from Amazon radios for 4-H camp. They are reasonable and very sturdy. Michelle will investigate these.

-**Finance & Budget:** Bob Dawson made a motion that the fair purchase two Gala tickets for the OFMA Gala that will be held during convention. Richard Parker seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Bob also reported that he would like to have a budget meeting at the end of October so that the budget can be brought to the Fair Board at the November meeting.

- **Foundation:** Michelle Byram reported the Foundation had its annual meeting this evening and all officers will remain the same.

-**Garage Sale:** Dave Wilcox Jr reported there are only a handful of inside spaces still available.

-**Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported we will look into the gates situation over the winter and try to figure out what to do to get better coverage.

Bob reported there were issues at a couple fairs with political campaigning going on at the fairgrounds that was not permitted. Campaigning needs to be within 4' of their tent. Also questions on what is permitted when walking around on the fairgrounds. OFMA is requesting from the Attorney General info on "what is campaigning".

-**Jr. Fair:** Jim Slansky reported Painesville Twp is having a trunk or treat on treat on October 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the old Hadden Building and is looking for clubs to work it.

-**Technology:** Joe Slansky has contacted LakeTec regarding wifi issues on the fairgrounds. LakeTec will be putting a report together on their findings.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning reported there will be interviews on September 29 & 30 for Lisa's position, if anyone from the Fair Board would like to sit in on them.

OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY KENNA AND JIM FARRELL!

Jeremy Hejduk made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Richard Parker, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 1 @ 7:30 p.m.