

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC. SENIOR FAIRBOARD January 10, 2012

President John Fifer called the December director's meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the EMA building in Defiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Roll call confirmed the following:

X = here A = absent E = excused (work, sick, etc.)

Mary Bishop	X	Earl Klepper	X	Jerry Sanders	X
Yvonne Blosser	X	Dennis Little	X	Francis Schindler	E
Deb Cocke	E	Dave Martin	X	Carol Sines	X
Angie Etchen	X	Doug Moog	X	Joe Stotler	X
Allen Fairchild	A	Don Retcher	X	Mitch Troyer	X
John Fifer	X	Larry Retcher	X	Charles Wann	X
Dave Fine	X	Jeff Rohlf	X	Lavon Wiles	E

President Fifer called for the **Secretary's report**. Dennis Little made a motion to abstain from reading the minutes. Motion was seconded by Don Retcher. Motion carried without opposition. There were no corrections to the minutes at this time.

GUESTS

Guests included Steve Mason, Chris Clawson from Defiance Co. Sheriff office, Brenda Griffith, Rusty DeTray, Eddie Partin and Teresa Johnson - Defiance County Extension Educator.

Teresa Johnson reminded the Livestock / Sale committee there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at the Farmer Fire Hall starting at 6:30 pm.

Copies of the 2012 fair dates are available. Jerry Sanders reported 38 steers were tagged on Saturday, Jan 7th. It was concluded that the horse barn remains unlocked. Lavon has the locks and they need put on the barn.

Teresa asked about when the Kids' Day was for this year. It was decided to have it remain on Tuesday. Teresa questioned if there were going to be other activities in addition to the Junior Fairboard's events.

Colleges and universities have changed back to semester terms with the starting dates being

earlier. Junior fairboard membership and 4-H enrollment may be hurt because of the older members starting college before the fair. Currently there are only 10 Junior Fairboard members. The next Junior Fairboard meeting will be Saturday Feb 4, 2012 with the election of members.

Our Insurance agent, Eddie Partin was the next guest to speak to the fairboard. Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service informed the board we have received a notice that the current insurance company will be auditing the premiums for the fairboard. Our policy is auditable for fair admissions.

Jerry Sanders questioned Eddie if an animal brought to the fair was hurt, is there any coverage? If the fairboard is liable for the incident, the insurance liability policy will cover it. The fairboard must have been liable for the incident for the insurance to cover the incident. Also discussed was coverage of the contents of buildings and if a new listing could be provided.

Sheriff's department did not have anything at this time. Several questions were discussed about recent break ins and possible security issues.

Guest Brenda Griffith, who is running for a position as county commissioner was here to observe the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the county Board of Election asking to use the Secretary's office for a training session on February 16th and for the use of the multi-purpose building for election on March 6th.

Lavon Wiles is not present this evening because his brother had passed away. Joe Stotler made a motion to send flowers. Don Retcher seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Cheryl Brown had sent information to the board about advertising in the Bryan Times Bridal edition for the rental of the multi-purpose building. The cost is \$34.60 for the one time. Dennis Little made a motion to advertise in this special edition. The motion was seconded by Joe Stotler and carried without opposition.

Darren Bok would like to rent the multi-purpose building and outside area for a machinery auction on March 10th. Jerry Sanders made a motion to charge Darren \$200 for a half day event as long as he cleans up after the event and fixes any ruts or other lawn damage. Doug Moog seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Deb Cocke arrived at 8:09 pm.
Teresa Johnson left at 8:17 pm.

Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service. Denise asked to cancel a check for Stan Hughart in the amount of \$165.00. There had been a note attached to the original checks that the checks would only be good until November 30, 2011. Doug Moog made a motion to cancel payment on the check. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine and carried without opposition.

Any fairboard members who has any tickets that were not originally sold for any event in the last two years, needs to turn the unsold tickets in to Denise as soon as possible.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's monthly report was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Don Retcher. Motion carried without opposition.

A record retention policy needs to be set up soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - no meeting was held. Items to be discussed at upcoming meetings include a record retention policy, contracts for Bids, committee meetings reported and must be advertised.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - no meeting was held yet. Dennis would like to hold the first meeting soon to work on the budget..

OLD BUSINESS

Emery (Rusty) DeTray is interested in a position on the fairboard. He has received his BCI&I report which states Mr. DeTray has no criminal history. He has paid his Agricultural Society dues. Dave Martin made a motion to accept Rusty as a Director for Defiance City for a one (1) year term. If Rusty wants to continue longer, he must run for a position at the 2012 annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Sanders and passed without opposition. Rusty will be helping with the Agricultural Hall and shuttle committees currently.

Dave Fine is still looking for someone to work on the historical display cases for the Ag. Hall. The OSU Extension office, the Defiance Co Soil & Water office and the Defiance Chamber of Commerce are starting to set up a Ag Hall Of Fame. Carol will check on exactly what their plan is.

NEW BUSINESS

During the recent OFMA convention in Columbus, there were several golf cart companies and radio companies represented. John, Carol, and Mary talked with them in regards to the upcoming fair. In the past the company we used to rent radios charged up to \$1400. One of the companies represented could rent us 30 radios with mics and headsets for \$735 for the fair. Motion was made by Joe Stotler and seconded by Jerry Sanders to go with the company from Chicago to rent radios for the 2012 fair. Motion carried without opposition.

All the quotes for the golf carts have not been received yet so that will be discussed at a later meeting.

Discussion was held about service animals at the fair. The livestock committee will continue the discussion about service animals in the barns.

Carol Sines would like to start a Purple Heart Award for Defiance County. Anyone wanting to help with this project should see Carol about this.

Kathy Stotler is also interested in being on the fairboard. Jerry Sanders made a motion to have Kathy proceed with getting her BCI&I report and come to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Dennis Little and passed with one abstaining vote.

Defiance County received a certificate of recognition from the Ohio Department of Agriculture at the recent OFMA convention.

John, Lavon, Carol and Mary talked to Durants about having games or other booths at the fair. They also had talked to Burton Brothers about coming to the fair in further years.

Past President Dave Martin submitted his resignation from the fairboard to be in effect at the end of the current meeting. Motion to accept his resignation was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Earl Klepper. Motion passed without opposition.

Without further business at 8:59 pm, Jerry Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Charlie Wann. Motion carried without opposition. Meeting was adjourned.

The next fairboard directors' meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm at the EMA building in (Brunersburg) Defiance.