

Agriculture Fair of Defiance County, Inc.

Senior Fairboard

January 14, 2014

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Attending the meeting were Ann Beach, Mary Bishop, Brain Chittenden, Rusty DeTray, Angie Etchen, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Corey Maassell, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, Charlie Wann, Lavon Wiles, Denise Sutter.

Guests for this evening included Teresa Johnson, Thomas Welsh and Eddie Partin from an Insurance Company

Thomas talked about the Public Entities Pool (PEP) which is a program designed to protect entities from fluctuating rates. He went over the different events and liabilities that PEP would cover. He stated that PEP already covers 57 fairs in Ohio and that there would only be a slight difference in cost. Our current cost is \$8500 and would go up to approximately \$9031. Mary Bishop asked about how this would cover the golf cart usage. Thomas responded with it would be under the general liability depending on circumstances. Joe Stotler brought up the question about the buildings on the fairgrounds and if there would be any deductibles for damage. Thomas responded with if somebody rents a building and there is damage then PEP will cover our losses but not the renters. Teresa Johnson then asked about the shooting sports and horse activities that would happen on the fairgrounds. Thomas responded and said that they would have to look at a quote but there wouldn't be a special rider that we would need to buy. Thomas then talked about special event coverage. PEP would cover event cancelation and we could also add a weather policy. With the event cancelation policy we would be reimbursed for all expenses that we accrued. The weather policy we could get paid if the event gets canceled or if we got a certain amount of precipitation in a certain time frame. Jerry Sanders asked if it was like a co-op, and if there are no claims will the premium go down? Thomas went on and talked about there hasn't really been a rate increase in many years and the premium depends on how good the fair is. He also stated that the board has given back money when the times were really good.

Dave Fine continued the meeting with moving to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Correspondence:

John Fifer talked about the Wounded Warrior Project. There were 38 quilts from Defiance that were donated. He received a thank you note and read it aloud.

Jerry Sanders had Denise stand to be recognized for the tremendous job that she did with the Christmas drive thru.

Heaven Holtsberry read correspondence. The first from Denise Sutter thanking us for letting her use the fairgrounds for the Christmas light drive thru. One was from the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce wishing the Fairboard Joy and Peace throughout the holidays and the New Year. The last one was from Colton and Evan Saylor thanking us for the support that is given throughout the fair.

Next order of business was going over the district meeting. This meeting will be held Saturday March 15, 2014. It will be held in Lima and will be \$18.00 per son.

Denise reported that there is \$2,491.11 in the checking account, \$81,075.79 in the money market account and \$12,539.60 in the livestock account. She also requested to pay \$19,589.77 in checks for the month.

Denise also passed out the comparative statement and went over the material. She also brought up that she and Heaven need to be bonded. Heaven with \$30,000.00 and herself with \$100,000.00.

Doug Moog moved to pay the bills; Dave Fine seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

John Fifer moved to approve the treasurer's report, Don Retcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Denise then brought to the board's attention the rate at which the members should be paid for mileage for going to OFMA. Joe Stotler moved to pay 56.5 cents per mile, Dave Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deb Cocke moved to pay each individual 56.5 cents per mile but miles are not to exceed 172 miles each way. Dave Ferguson seconded that motion. Motion passed.

The meeting then moved forward talking about the multipurpose building reservations for the rabbit show. The date is currently October 26 but would like to be moved to November 16. Lavon said that he does not rent the building after elections. Rusty suggested having the show in a different building. It was then brought up that there needs to be bathrooms and heat provided. Jerry then referred this to a committee.

#### Committee Reports

Teresa Johnson started with passing out the new committee chair and co-chair binders and folders. After everything was passed out she went through each tab to explain what it was for. With this the red book was passed out so everyone has a copy.

#### Eboard-

Lavon went over what Paula Fairchild still owes us. Joe Stotler moved to wait until the month and if nothing was received then contact a lawyer. John Fifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lavon then stated we received a donation of \$750 from Bair concession that is going to go to wiring around the fairgrounds. There was discussion about how much this would cost and who is furnishing outlets and boxes.

#### Fair tab-

Larry contacted the Crescent News and got info from Teresa. Teresa set a deadline of June 1 for all information, but said we could always change that. Fair tabs will be delivered around July 4

#### Entertainment-

Dave Fine started with saying that he talked to Variety Attractions and they are not interested in getting the money right away so we have a little time with that. He then went on and talked about rain insurance and that he has looked into it and a lot of fairs have it for certain events. He had several meetings coming up. He confirmed that Great Lakes Timbers is coming back.

#### Merchant buildings-

John Fifer updated us that contracts are ready to go out. He then talked about making the quilts for Tia's Wish. Carol asked if the contracts could be put online for easier access.

Lavon checked to make sure that the bleachers that were purchased by Jr. Fairboard were up to code, and they are. He also priced for a 5 rows high and 21 foot long steel frame, aluminum bench bleacher. John Fifer moved to purchase two bleachers this year and if the fair is good this year then purchase 2 next year. Mary Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was then questioned how many people do they hold? Approximately 98 and then how hard will they be to move, many said it won't be an issue.

#### OFMA-

Carol Sines, Dave Fine, Angie Etchen, Joe Stotler, Rusty DeTray, Mary Bishop, Mitch Troyer, Lavon Wiles, Heaven Holtsberry, Denise Sutter, Teresa Johnson, Jerry Sanders all attended the conference and gave a brief summary of what we learned while there.

#### Old Business-

All Fingerprints are in except Laura Grant

Deb Cocke talked about the proposals for sanitation.

Jerry asked a man out of Michigan to look at the loader. The man said it could be worth \$6000, but we need to get the serial number. Discussion about where we could find this information.

#### New Business-

Cheerleading floor – we need to get the trailer unloaded because Williams county wants it back. They will send people to help unload it. Lavon said he is going to get buildings ready and then call us with a date to unload it.

Denise Sutter asked for approval to do the Christmas Drive Thru. Setup November 21,22,23 and 28,29,30 and December 5,6,7 and 12,13,14 for the Drive Thru from 6pm-9pm. Joe Stotler moved to approve Denise to use the fairgrounds for the Christmas Drive Thru. John Fifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jerry Sanders talked about Laura Sanders going to the Facebook session at the OFMA and she would love to do a Defiance County Fairboard Page. Carol Sines moved to allow Laura Sanders head up the Facebook page for the Fairboard. Mary Bishop seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Dave Fine moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed