

Agricultural Fair of Defiance County, Inc.

Senior Fairboard

November 11, 2014

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. The meeting was held immediately following the 2014 Annual meeting. Attending the meeting were Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, Deb Cocke, Angie Etchen, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Corey Maassel, Doug Moog, Larry Retcher, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, Charlie Wann, and Lavon Wiles. Newly elected directors Jeremy Limber, Tracey Backhaus, Kate Chittenden, and David Hartman were also in attendance. Excused were Ann Beach, Rusty DeTray, Don Retcher, and Jeff Rohlf.

Others attending the meeting were Commissioner Otto Nicely, accountant Denise Sutter and Melissa Rodman. Teresa Johnson, OSU 4-H educator, was excused.

Secretary's Report

Motion was made by John Fifer and seconded by Jeff Holtsberry to abstain from the reading of the minutes. Motion was approved without opposition. No corrections were noted at this time. Motion was made by Carol Sines and seconded by Dave Fine to approve the minutes. Motion was approved without opposition.

Guests

Commissioner Otto Nicely reported on the restroom project. The Commissioners had a meeting with the Fair Foundation and Fairboard representatives on the first Monday of November. Suggestions made were to have the whole area covered in concrete and maintain a crawl space under the units. Otto also stated the units would be waxed in the spring to help maintain a cleaner exterior. There is hope to have enough money after the project is completed to purchase a third unit.

Teresa Johnson was not at the meeting. A throw was ordered for the passing of her father. Funeral services were later in the week. The flower fund was short so a hat was passed to help cover the expense.

Mary Bishop gave a brief report about the District Meeting that was held Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Lucas County fairgrounds. The 2015 District meetings will be held April 11 in Findlay for Districts 1 & 2 and the Fall District 1 meeting will be held Dec. 5 in Ottawa.

Correspondence

Information was received from the Tri-State Mini Pullers group regarding their program. This information was passed on to the Truck Pull committee for consideration.

Treasurer's Report

Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Services presented the financial report. A correction was noted on the date. Proposed payment of checks is \$12,501 + \$47 for tonight's food. Dave Ferguson made a motion to pay the bills. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine and passed without opposition. John Fifer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Heaven Holtsberry seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Charlie Wann made a motion to remove Mr. Fleming from the books because we have no recourse to recover the debt. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Denise then reported on the recent audit which is now complete. Cost for the audit was about \$8900. The budget needs done by January 1, 2015. Dave Ferguson made a motion to not put the audit report on our web page because we were told by the auditors that it was not necessary. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine and passed without opposition.

Committees

Lavon Wiles was with the insurance people while they inspected the grounds. There are a couple of things that need fixed but for the most part things are in good condition. Estimates need to be received to repair the beam in the show arena, and there is a broken under-ground electrical wire in the campground. Larry Retcher made a motion to have the broken wiring repaired. Motion was seconded by Corey Maassel and passed without opposition.

Old Business

The 2015 OFMA convention will be January 8 – 11, 2015 at the Columbus convention center. It is a very educational and interesting event that all directors are encouraged to attend. Registration will be sent in after the December meeting so if you are interested in attending please let Mary know ASAP.

Larry Retcher made a motion to name Lavon Wiles as the 2015 Defiance County delegate for the convention. That motion was seconded by John Fifer and passed without opposition. Lavon accepted.

Junior Fair board advisors for 2014 were Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Jeff Friend, Lisa Friend and Jill Speiser. Brian Chittenden made a motion to approve the same five people for 2015 advisors. Mitch Troyer seconded the motion which was accepted without opposition.

Recommended changes for the 2015 junior fair were again passed out. Motion to accept the changes with the exception of the Kid's Day ride passes was made by Mitch Troyer. Jeff Holtsberry seconded the motion which was approved without opposition.

Teresa Johnson has the gift basket for the convention already taken care of for January.

New Business

Election of officers for 2015.

President – Yvonne Blosser nominated Jerry Sanders.

Dave Fine nominated John Fifer.

Motion to close the nominations was made by Larry Retcher and seconded by Charlie Wann. Motion was approved without opposition. Jerry Sanders won with 18 votes and John Fifer had 6 votes.

Vice-President – Nominations were for Lavon Wiles, Carol Sines, and Dave Fine. At this point Dave Fine submitted his resignation to be effective at the end of the November 2014 meeting. Motion to accept the resignation with regret was made by Corey Maassel and seconded by Brian Chittenden. Motion was passed without opposition. Larry Retcher made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President which was seconded by Charlie Wann. Motion passed without opposition. Lavon Wiles won the election for Vice-President with 13 votes while Carol Sines received 11 votes.

Secretary – nominations were made for Charlie Wann and Mary Bishop. Charlie Wann wished to remove his name from the ballot. Larry Retcher made a motion to close the nominations and to cast a unuminous ballot for Mary Bishop. Mitch Troyer seconded the motion which was approved without opposition.

Treasurer – nomination was made for Dave Ferguson to be treasurer. Brian Chittenden made the motion to close the nominations. Corey Maassel seconded the motion which was approved without opposition. Charlie Wann made a motion to cast a unuminous ballot for Dave Ferguson. Mitch Troyer seconded the motion which was approved without opposition.

Next item of business was the Christmas Drive Through. Denise has been working very hard to decorate and promote this event for December 2014. Discussion was had concerning the town's Christmas parade which would like to line up on the fairgrounds. Several options discussed were to have the parade line up at the grain elevator where they would not have any turns to make to start the parade or to reverse the parade route and start at the library or the city park. Carol Sines made a motion to not allow

the parade to line up on the fairgrounds. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine. Also Jerry Sanders as President should communicate with the people in charge of the parade regarding the fair board's wishes in this matter. Motion was approved without opposition.

Joe Stotler wanted to discuss not including who opposed motions in the minutes. Discussion concluded that this was necessary if the motion needed to be rescinded.

Joe Stotler then submitted his resignation from the fair board effective at the end of the November 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Dave Fine to accept Joe's resignation with regret. Motion passed without opposition.

Brief discussion was held regarding the Ohio Department of Agriculture and 4-H rules concerning drugs in animals when they are brought to the fair.

At 9:12pm. Heaven Holtsberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Bishop.