

Defiance County Senior Fairboard

October 14, 2014

President Jerry Sanders called the Senior Fairboard meeting to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday October 14, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Attending the meeting were Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, Rusty DeTray, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol, Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, Charlie Wann, and Lavon Wiles. Excused were Deb Cocke, Dave Fine, and Don Retcher. Absent were Ann Beach, Angie Etchen, Corey Maassel, and Doug Moog.

Guests attending the meeting were: Commissioner Otto Nicely, Teresa Johnson, Kate Chittenden, Tracey Backhaus, and Dave Hartman.

Larry Retcher made a motion to approve the September 2014 Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and was accepted by general consent with voices of aye. No Corrections were noted at this time.

Correspondence

Advanced Chasse sent a thank you to the Fairboard for their work at the September Truck pulls.

Guests – Commissioner Otto Nicely reported the county had spent around \$222,000 on the restroom project. He also talked about a capital improvement grant that was received from the state.

Teresa Johnson, 4-H educator, presented the projected junior fair changes for the 2015 fair. They will be brought back to the Fairboard at the November meeting for approval. Discussion was held about changing Kids Day or at least changing the time of the discounted rides. The Volunteer Banquet will be Nov. 2, 2014 at the Fairview Elementary school.

Treasurer's Report – Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service reported on the financial situation. Expenses were up during the 2014 fair and the income was down. Proposed checks for payments totals \$332,883.29.

Payment for the 2 missing radios and chargers is \$1,692.00. If you know where they are PLEASE return them.

Brian Chittenden made a motion to pay the bills with Dave Ferguson seconding the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Charlie Wann made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and approved without opposition.

Denise reported on ways to decrease the telephone bill until the fair next year. Carol Sines made a motion to put the office telephone on vacation mode and have the internet shut down for the winter. This motion was seconded by John Fifer and approved without opposition.

The audit is done. The auditors requested a final meeting on October 22 at 3pm.

The Executive Committee did not have anything new to report at this time.

Other Business

The Annual meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 at the Delaware Fire House. Voting will be from 3pm – 7pm. Clerks for the election will be Larry Retcher and Mary Bishop. Judges will be Carol Sines, Charlie Wann and Joe Stotler. Nominating committee will be headed by Dave Ferguson.

Yvonne Blosser made a motion to nominate Susan Wiley for our outstanding fair supporter during 2014. Nomination information must be submitted by November 1, 2014. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer. Teresa and Yvonne will work on the information required for the nomination.

The next item of business was the proposed contract for our accountant for 2015. John Fifer made a motion to accept Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Services contract to continue during 2015. Motion was seconded by Jeff Holtsberry. Motion passed without opposition.

By-Laws suggested changes were reviewed. Carol Sines made a motion to submit the changes suggested to Agriculture Society members to vote on before the annual meeting. Mitch Troyer seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

The request for fair fund money for horse racing needs to be submitted to the Ohio Fair Managers by November 1, 2014. Motion was made by Lavon Wiles to request these funds. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Motion to get rid of the dumpster by the horse barn was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Brian Chittenden. Motion passed without opposition.

Lavon Wiles stated the track needs stone put on it this fall. Estimated cost for the stone is \$1000. He also said the multi-purpose building needs a new overhead door. Estimated cost is \$2243 to \$2266. Also needed are 3 water hydrants replaced. Estimated cost is \$150 each. The restroom in the blacksmith shop needs heat and some work completed before it is closed for the winter. Motion was made by Rusty DeTray and seconded by Carol Sines to complete all this work. Motion passed without opposition.

Brian Chittenden reported the he has half the money for the new fence around the 4-H horse barn so far.

Heaven Holtsberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mitch Troyer seconding the motion. Motion was approved without opposition.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Bishop.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 at the Delaware Fire House with voting for Directors and by-Law changes from 3pm to 7pm. The Annual meeting will start at approximately 7:15pm (after the votes are counted) with the regular Directors' meeting following that meeting.