

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, February 8, 2021 – Via Zoom

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Ruemenapp, Mark Pedersen, Alan Thueme, Donna Wojtysiak, Linda Taylor, Bernie Dudek, Scott Hill, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Rob Usakowski, Mike Tomasek, Liz Pennazoli, Colleen Provost, Linea Burch, Bob Clogg.

Excused: Kent Renn.

Absent: Kim Hetzel, Nate Havens, Tom Vincent.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Lucy Brown, Kristy Hardy, Danielle Jacolik, Connie Murray, Cheryl Rowley, Tara Eldridge, Barb Hurley, Jeannine Schweihofer.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda as submitted.
Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Report would indicate rent and utility payments.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

There are lava lamp kits going out. Enrollment picking up a bit based on anticipation there will be something for the kids for the fair. Over half of the volunteers are re-enrolling. March will be the deadline that campus will pull the plug on leaders if they haven't re-enrolled. If leaders cannot re-enroll they need to call Lori Warchuck and she will walk through that to waive the deadline.

4-H Auction coming up and would like to use the fair office for curbside pick up. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Pedersen to use the fair office for auction pick up.

Motion carried.

8) COMMITTEES

A) AG EDUCATION

L. Warchuck secured the Ag on the Move trailer in case we're able to use it for the fair.

B) AWARDS

Our fair received 1st place in social media at the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibition convention in January.

C) AUDIT

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The 120-day report is being prepared.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We can apply for a grant. Parks and Recreation are working on a roof on the community building, and we may be able to work that as a match. Need to come up with quotes for the barn roofs. Parks did \$40,000 for the community building job. Tim Warchuck will call a couple contractors to get a quote for the horse barns. JP Construction and Amish, can probably circle back around and have them quote them again. In the past it was \$26,400 from Menard's for materials and that was January of 2018 and it was close to \$40,000 from the Amish for material and labor. Gold barn has the worst roof and Colleen believes the blue barn also. A. Thueme said it was the first two barns that were the worst when they did the electrical. B. Clogg confirmed gold and blue are the worst.

E) CRATER

No report.

F) ENTERTAINMENT

No report. This all depends on what we can do for the fair.

G) FACILITIES

No report. Deposit for tents was held for the 2020 and applied for 2021. Deposit was 50% of what we estimated for our tent needs.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY

No report. As soon as MSUE is able to meet in person the 4-H coordinators will work on traveling resources.

I) LIVESTOCK

Proceeding with the plan to have a show for animals, one way or another. Rick Ruemenapp reached out to processors to confirm our fair dates. Talked about pullorum and C. Ruemenapp will touch base with Abbie Summers.

J) PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks tore up the area where the carnival is at and R. Usakowski reached out to Brad and he indicated that Parks is going to hydroseed it in case we have the carnival there in 2021. Parks also provided numbers for capacity for our covid action plan. R. Usakowski will send that data to J. Rabine.

K) PERSONNEL

The mini horse superintendent resigned. She had that discussion with the current horse superintendents who will work with her on a transition.

L) PUBLICITY

Committee met, but until we know the extent of ability to have a fair the committee is forging ahead with what plans they're able to make. J. Rabine talked to Radio First. R. Usakowski is working with the Health Department to let them know we will share the plan with them and in comply with whatever requirements necessary and to alert them that we may begin announcing the fair and advertising.

M) SPONSORSHIP

R. Usakowski will schedule a meeting, sending about an email invite. Need to reach out to sponsors and give them an idea of what's going on.

N) STILL EXHIBITS

Nothing at this time unless we want to talk about what we're thinking about with them. Will hold discussions until we get a little closer to fair time.

O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

No report.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) 2021 PLANS

Working on a plan to present to the Health Department, trying to throw in variables to adapt as situations change. Adding element of flexibility so we're not locked into anything we don't want to do. Need to convince health department that we can have the event that we are planning.

B) INTERNET

T. Warchuck will call Frontier to see what they could do for us, portable tower. R. Usakowski looking at a cell phone tower that sits on a trailer as opposed to something permanent. Frontier doesn't own the lines, they piggy back off of others. Looking into it would be great. The tower on Frontier is 83111.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary