

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, March 10, 2025 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Donna Wojtysiak, Lindsey Uppleger, Alan Thueme, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Linea Burch, Mike Tomasek, Rick Ruemenapp, Kylie Veldman, Bernie Dudek, Robin Vigneron, Kevin Smith, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck, Jake Sieloff, Liz Pennazoli, Linda Taylor.

Excused: Kent Renn, Colleen Provost, Tom Vincent.

Guests: Dave Goretski, Julie Sovis, Ken Sieloff, Connie Murray, Terry Dunn.

2) AGENDA

Moved by A. Thueme, seconded by R. Ruemenapp to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ken Sieloff went to the Farm Museum's meeting to talk about the trams and they will be going through our trams to ensure they're structurally fine and mechanically up to date and they will allow us to use two of their trailers, but they need new tires, if we could arrange that in exchange. They have another gentleman that privately owns a third one tram. The Farm Museum will need access to our trams to start the process of going through them. Farm Museum also has a list of their equipment, tractors and machinery. Their trams are not covered. They will run the sawmill same as 2024.

Connie Murray requested two veterinarians for horse check in. They would like to start checking in committee member's horses at 3 p.m. so that they can work check in from 4-8 p.m.

We have Mounted shooting for Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the horse ring. Cost is \$500.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved by A. Thueme, seconded by K. Smith to approve the minutes from February 10, 2025.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report. Currently working on 501c3. Have questions about how that will be instituted.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Currently have \$13,340 in trophy donations. L. Burch working on entertainment schedule. Will have the POS system in place for selling merchandise, passes, etc. at the office, 4-H office and eventually at the park during the fair.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Numbers around the state in 4-H are increasing. Locally we have 440 4-H youth, 81 Clover Sprouts, 236 volunteers, 29 incomplete registrations. There are lots of workshops planned.

8) COMMITTEES

A) AG EDUCATION

Working on additional trading cards. The librarian from Memphis may bring a trailer with books, but their bus has some mechanical issues. The Farm Bureau and Council will meet regarding the tractor simulator. The cow is being shipped.

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B) AWARDS – No report

C) AUDIT – No report

D) CRATER

Looking for an intermission show for the monster trucks. Suggested a stunt squad which is a 20, 25 minute show.

E) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Have ordered window stickers. Looking for old phones for processing tickets at the fair.

F) FACILITIES

Committee is going to purchase cones for the driveway to make 2 lanes and re-route the tram and try to minimize congestion. L. Taylor indicated Goodells Mini Storage would have a large space available in July, 34x14, 10' wide door, \$250 a month and open to trading sponsorship in order to hold some trams.

Wood chips discussed. Will purchase from Livestock Nutrition for \$5.40 a bag, 270 bales at first of fair and they will bring the other half during the fair. Total is \$2732. Cost of bales may go up, \$80 delivery fee for the 2 trips.

G) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report

H) LIVESTOCK – No report

I) PARKS AND RECREATION

May want to get community service workers to pick up rocks in the Farm Museum parking lot. R. Usakowski stated there is a push from a commissioner to have another millage for maintenance of the park.

J) PERSONNEL

Moved by C. Ruemenapp, seconded by T. Warchuck to approve the superintendent applications for Leah Vandewarker for poultry, Peggy Gregg as folk patterns superintendent, and Eric Burgess as woodworking superintendent.

Motion carried.

K) PUBLICITY

Meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. K. Veldman is ordering pens. Shirts are the fair office. Will start compiling a list of shirts for volunteers at the fair. Shirts can state volunteer on the back, blue, dryfit, several different styles for volunteers. Need to put together an order.

L) SAFETY

J. Sieloff talked to a company from Flint and they have camera trailers. Cost is \$3000 for 3 trailers. They remotely monitor, and can be linked to our phones.

Moved by R. Ruemenapp, seconded by R. Vigneron to sign a contract with the security trailer firm.

Motion carried.

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- M) SPONSORSHIP – No report
- N) STILL EXHIBITS – No report
- O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report
- P) AFTER-HOURS SUPERINTENDENT – No report

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) MAFE SPEAKER

M. Tomasek is driving and anyone going can get a ride from him to Midland.

10) NEW BUSINESS – None.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Thueme, supported by K. Smith to adjourn at 8:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary