

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, June 16, 2025 – Goodelles County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Vincent, Mike Tomasek, Robin Vigneron, Kevin Smith, Linea Burch, Liz Pennazoli, Linda Taylor, Donna Wojtysiak, Bernie Dudek, Lindsey Uppleger, Alan Thume, Rick Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck.

Excused: Kent Renn, Colleen Provost, Kylie Veldman, Jake Sieloff.

Guests: Julie Ruemenapp, Megan Tomasek, Tom Stickley, Connie Murray, Dave Goretski, Lois & Bob Podgorski, Melissa Wilson, Ken Sieloff.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

2) AGENDA

Request to add policy to have on hand for offsite golf carts, park selling passes at their office, MAFE passes and fair bucks for park employees. All were added to the agenda.

A motion as made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Smith to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made to approve the April and May minutes by A. Thueme, supported by L. Uppleger.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

M. Tomasek will be on vacation and has handed everything over to C. Provost through the fair. If anyone needs anything, contact C. Provost.

5) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Phones will be hooked up July 3rd. Weekly admission passes were sent out to livestock superintendents, not still exhibit superintendents. L. Burch has the office staff lined up and will be weekly office hours in Marysville leading up to July 1.

6) MSU EXTENSION

Poultry workshop went well and the POS system has been working very well in the office. L. Warchuck will be out of the office the next week weeks.

7) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Brianna Rich and Megan Tomasek have been working on updating the sweepstakes showmanship books. They would request to send them to Sir Speedy to have them coil bound on heavier paper. That was approved without motion.

Julie Sovis would like to hold a thank you note writing workshop during the fair. Curriculum through MSU Extension has been utilized. This will serve all exhibitors, two sessions, one on

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Friday and one on Saturday and would like to have an ice cream social as part of this. She is requesting \$250 and will put flyers in the exhibit barn and livestock area to notify the exhibitors. She is hoping to have 200 kids participate.

A motion was made to approve \$250 for an ice cream social by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Smith.

Motion carried.

Melissa Wilson from the Farm Museum requested admission passes for Farm Museum members, as well as a Port-a-John by the T-Barn. The Farm Museum is working on their trams, as well as doing a safety inspection on our trams.

Connie Murray reported there's a horse leader that isn't in good health that requires the assistance of a golf cart because her scooter will not work going up and down the hill. Golf cart rules were developed for this purpose. L. Uppleger is working on this. There will be 111 horse riders at the fair, 15 minis and 15-18 Clover Sprouts.

Civil Air Patrol is set for the fair.

Ken Sieloff requested 7-8 tractors for trams. He needs more drivers so we have started advertising for them. Someone from the Farm Museum has a restored tractor they would like to use during the fair. Concern about safety and/or liability.

Bob & Lois Podgorski are ready for parking. Dave Goretski will be available for set up prior to the fair.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AG EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Big Blue Blocks are \$1450. A motion was made to approve the expenditure for the Big Blue Blocks by D. Wojtysiak, supported by L. Taylor.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to spend \$25 for the animal character faces by L. Pennazoli, supported by D. Wojtysiak.

Motion carried.

Petting farm has a lot of changes this year, will be advertising for help. Looking for a calf for the fair. The new basketball V-box is being painted. The wood will be ready to be painted next year.

b) AWARDS

Trophies and banners are ready, ribbons counted.

c) AUDIT – No report

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – No report.

e) CRATER

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They are looking for t-shirts to shoot during events. The intermissions during the Monster Truck show will be mini monster trucks and 4-wheelers. They will have 6 monster trucks. Superior Motorsports are raffling off an opportunity to drive a demo car in the show. Have the contract for an additional sled for the TTPA truck and tractor pulls which will speed the show up dramatically. The plan would be to have the semis pull at 8:00-8:30 while the crowd is still there.

f) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

We have purchased additional Starlinks and they're at the office.

g) FACILITIES

Haven't heard from Blue Water Lift. K. Smith will call tomorrow.

h) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report

i) LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Bleachers will be ordered, ordered late so that we didn't have to store them. New gates will be delivered later this month. There were 54 people who attended the rabbit workshop. There has been an educational committee started through livestock, first meeting is 6-18 at 6 p.m. at the fair office. Croswell Stockyards will not be taking any animals from the fair, due to them closing for weekly auctions.

j) PARKS & RECREATION

Need to check about how many pieces of equipment will be coming early from Skerbeck. We will work on recalculation of electric formula for future years based on average electrical bills at the park. It may require our current contract to run out with PARC before we can do that.

k) PERSONNEL – No report

l) PUBLICITY

We have yard signs to collect tonight to be put out. Thumbcoast is working on a fair video. R. Usakowski is being interviewed for a segment. Camelot is working on updating a video for the fair. They will come out and videotape portions of our fair again this year for \$850 and put together a promo video for next year.

A motion was made to spend \$850 for Camelot Studios to come and videotape portions of the fair and do an updated 2026 fair video by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Taylor.

Motion carried.

Port Huron Museum is setting up at the fair and they have invited other historical agencies, and those agencies will also be promoting our fair.

m) SPONSORSHIP

Last contacts are being made and hope to get the final sponsors firmed up by the end of next week. The final banner order will go in. Committee putting together packets for sponsors and hope to deliver most since postage is expensive.

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n) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

a) BMX

They will be out during the fair and have a race on Saturday.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) July meeting date

We will meet on Sunday, July 6th at 7 p.m. in Goodells.

b) PARK EMPLOYEE FAIR BUCKS

A motion was made to give park employees packets of \$20 in fair bucks by R. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck.

Motion carried.

c) GOLF CART RULES

L. Uppleger will work on a draft of offsite golf carts at the fair.

d) PAINT

Ken Sieloff has several buckets of outdoor paint and asked if the trashcans can be painted. We are unclear, since the trashcans do not belong to us.

e) SHIRTS

D. Goretski asked for small shirts for the horse fun show for handouts. We have shirts from past years we will give them.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by A. Thueme, supported by K. Smith.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary