

July 11,2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on July 11,2023 at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. The following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Gerber motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Wells second the motion, motion carried. Turner asked the board for any last-minute need for the fair. Wells will need paint by Tuesday. Mignery is waiting on Rural King to give him a list of the items they will donate. Wells reported the Kawana's are not happy with the space in front of the grandstands. Wells is going to put new plywood on the counter tops. Turner has given the plumber a list of repairs needed in the grandstand and horse area restrooms. Idle asked if each species in grand showman of showman could be placed and if the results could be posted. The board will have to ask Extension about the placings. There was concern about cars parking in the new preferred parking places at the end of the dairy barn. Cars that park on Saturday could possibly stay and cause issues. The Hamilton City Police department will have an officer posted at the back gate in the evenings to keep anyone without a parking pass from entering. The board discussed a time and day to dedicate the new water feature in memory of Bobby Niederman. Turner will talk to the family and let the board know. The golf cart company the board signed a contract with Corey Arborcast Carts, cancelled. They said they were overbooked and could not provide the fair with carts. Turner found another golf cart company, Power Equipment Solutions, out of Springfield Ohio. The cost would be \$305.00 per cart. Wells moved to pay \$12,845.00 to rent carts, second by Vollmer motion carried. Turner reported the Sherriff and Homeland Security expressed concerns over the lighting in the parking lot. United Rentals is providing 10 light towers to place around the parking lot. The Butler County Auditor will be at the fairgrounds on July 20 to certify the scales. Andy Korb contacted Green about purchasing t-shirts for the exhibitors in the swine department and rotate to another department every year to advertise his business. The board did not have a problem with Korb purchasing T-shirts. Carrie Robinson received a request from the Art Hall for passes and meal tickets. After discussion Mignery moved to provide each department in the Art Hall with 20 meal tickets. Second by Ross, motion carried. Bittner moved to provide 50 1-day passes and no meal tickets for the Farm Zone. Second by Gerber, motion carried. EMA has contacted Mignery, they will no longer be able to afford the \$5000.00 per month rent on the junior fair building. Mignery moved to lower the rent to \$3000.00 per month with 4 months paid upfront, second by Green, motion carried. Idle has someone interested in helping to build a new horse barn on the fairgrounds. He asked if the board could get a bid on a 60' X 120' X 16' pole barn with 2 garage doors on both ends and concrete. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for a call meeting during the 2023 fair.