

March 14, 2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on March 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Extension office. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Ross, motion pass. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. The motion was second by Green all present voted yes. Simpson will attend the district meeting on April 2 at the Fayette County fairgrounds. Turner has spoken with United Rentals; they will have 12 light towers for use at the fair. Turner will talk to Tim from United to see how much will be donated and how much the board will pay for the use of the light towers. Turner reported attorney Steve Tooman has reviewed the letter for the bid proposal on the grandstands and has made a few changes. Turner appointed himself, Gerber, Mignery and Simpson to a committee to put all the specifications for the project together and present them at the next board meeting. Larry Johnson, President of the Butler County Beekeepers Association, has asked for permission to sell honey at their booth in the Art Hall. Don Popp has been told no about selling honey in the past. After discussion the board will rent them a booth if they would like to sell honey. Sonia Lightfield reported the Velcro used to secure photos to the display boards in the Art Hall were not holding last year and photographs were falling on the floor. She suggested boards covered with felt and Velcro dots would hold better. Sonia will measure to see how much felt is needed and what the cost would be. Gerber has a meeting planned with the Art Hall workers at the fairgrounds on April 12, at 5:30 PM. The board received a thank you note from the Fall family for flowers sent for Norma's funeral. Gerber asked if the Farm Zone would be available for Butler County Soil and Water to use April 6,7 and 8 for two hours each day for their tree sale. If the Farm Zone is not available, they could use the picnic shelter. Ross reported the Goat Association will need mulch in the showing again this year for their open show before the fair. Tri-State has donated in the past in return for a day sponsorship. Mignery will contact Dave Hiltbrand about getting the mulch donated and hauled. Vollmer has been looking for scles for the beef department. He has found a new set for over \$10,000.00 and a used set for \$3000.00. Vollmer moved to purchase the used set for \$3000.00. Second, by Green, motion passed. Jenny Tussey asked about the proposed roads through the fairgrounds. Turner has been to meetings and given aerial photos of the week of the fair. If the option to go between the fairgrounds and the engineer's office is used it will cut off the horse area and all the new camping. The other option would take one horse barn and the green barn. Neither option is favorable for the fairgrounds. Carrie Robinson passed out department sections for fair book changes. Turner asked the board to think about doing away with stockman's parking and making more preferred parking spots. Wells will order shirts for all the board members. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Ross. The board will meet on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the fairgronds.