

March 11, 2025

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. 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. Mignery moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the February 11 meeting. Second, by Wells, motion carried. Vollmer moved to accept the March financial statements, second by Mignery, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll, second by Ross, motion carried. Karen Hiltbrand and Samantha Darner asked if the board had decided about the awards presentation before the Grand Showmen of Showmen. Wells stated a change needs to be made and the wood carving auction will be moved to 5:00 in the Goat/Sheep show ring. The Fair Board scholarships will be presented on Monday during the commissioners meeting. The premier exhibitor and herdsman awards will be presented before the Grand Showmen of Showmen. Nic Kissel from Kissel Amusements reported they will have a new 75' Ferris wheel for the 2025 fair. He also asked the board about having a day for children with special needs. After discussion Wells moved to have Kissel Cares Day on Wednesday of the fair. There will be free admission from 10:30 to 12:30. The motion was second by Simpson, motion carried. Wells presented the board with a flyer from Camden Locker. If an exhibitor sells meat off the price sheet, they will receive 40% of the profit. The board will not be promoting this program. Simpson talked to Dark County tractor pullers and Gail Lier. They would not recommend adding a new promotion on Sunday evening. The classes are almost the same as Dark County's and the weights do not line up with the classes on Sunday. Simpson stated the rules for the Sunday evening pull need to be updated to include new tractors. Green, the skid loader had milky fuel in the filter again after Zimmer Tractor had worked on it. Turner will check to make sure the system and fuel tank were flushed. Simpson will attend the district meeting on April 6 in Washington Court House. Chris Turner reported the board needs to have the credit card limit raised to avoid maxing the card out right before fair this year. Turner assigned committees. The audit committee will be Mignery, Ross and Wells. Everyone will be on the grounds committee. The safety committee will be Turner and Mignery. Camping will be Turner and Idle and the sponsorship committee will be Mignery, Wells, Gerber, Green and Dave Hiltbrand. Green has talked to Art's Rental about donating equipment, they will let him know. Bittner, Pastor Alan will handle the gates and ticket booths again this year. Bittner will ask him about parking as well. Ross asked with only 2 quality assurances this year if an exhibitor can not make either one what are their options. They can either complete it online or go to an adjoining county. Gerber reported the beekeepers would like to sell honey under the grandstands on Saturday of the fair. After discussion Bittner moved to allow the beekeepers to sell honey. Second by Gerber, motion carried with Mignery and Ross voting no. Vollmer stated the 4-H emails from the Extension office need to include the entire senior fair board as well as the Ag Teachers in the county. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Simpson. The board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 m at the fair grounds.