

November 12, 2024

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on November 12, 2024, 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; Wells and attorney Steve Tooman. The minutes of the October 8 and November 9 meetings were approved as read. Turner turned the meeting over to Steve Tooman to swear in the newly elected board members and to conduct officer elections. Turner: Bittner and Mignery were each sworn in for a three-year term. Tooman opened the floor for nominations for president. Vollmer nominated Turner. Second by Bittner. Simpson moved to close nominations. Second Gerber. Turner was elected president. Tooman opened the floor nominations for vice president. Turner nominated Gerber. Second by Green. Simpson moved to close nominations. Second by Vollmer. Gerber was elected vice president. Tooman opened the floor for nominations for treasurer. Turner nominated Bittner. Second by Green. Simpson moved to close nominations. Second by Mignery. Bittner was elected treasurer. Tooman opened the floor for nominations for secretary. Ross nominated Vollmer. Second by Green. Simpson moved to close nominations. Second by Mignery. Vollmer was elected secretary. Tooman sworn in the newly elected officers and turned the meeting over to President Turner. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Mignery, motion carried. The fair board is being recognized for the restoration work done to the grandstands this year by Butler County Citizens for Historic and Preservation Services (CHAPS) on Saturday November 16. There will be a tour of a few places being restored in Hamilton and a short ceremony for anyone interested in attending. Mignery moved to pay the directors \$1500.00 for fiscal year 2024. Second, by Simpson, the motion passed. The board discussed camping at the fair. Johnny's A-1 Sanitation's price for pumping campers out has almost doubled for 2025. Ross stated the rules need to be rewritten to allow more new people the opportunity to camp at the fair. The board will look at the camping rules and discuss them at the December meeting. Bittner moved to increase camping fees. The infield will be \$400.00, along the engineer's fence will increase to \$325.00. Horse area 1 will increase to \$350 and Horse area 2 will increase to \$400.00. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Turner reported that the Cincinnati Kennel Club has agreed to donate \$200-250,000 towards a building to replace the hog barn and the junior fair sheep barn. The board needs to figure out what size and kind of building to build. The dog department and small animal departments would like a barn with a show ring and more room. Turner talked to Warren County about starting our fair on Saturday July 19, 2025. They have a board meeting next week and will discuss it. Gerber suggested talking to Gene Stiener about possibly hiring auctioneers for the livestock sale. Chris Turner, the 2025 Butler County Fair will be the 175th fair. The board needs to decide if they want to do any commemorative items. Vollmer moved to pay Martech \$429.15 for online entries. Second by Simpson, motion carried. Ross moved Art Hall exhibitors pay \$.50 cents per entry plus a 4-day pass. Second, green, motion carried. Vollmer moved to close the books November 30, 2025. Second by Ross, motion carried. Carrie Robinson has sent out 102 grant applications from \$500 to \$20,000.00 in value related to the new horse barn. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting December 10 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.