

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Board Meeting – Floral Hall

May 18, 2022 – 7pm

**Call to order:** D Wildt called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**Roll Call-** Secretary H Horton called the roll. Present: Doug Wildt, Steve Benham, Harmony Dawson, Hope Horton, Lisa Sands, Dewey Murphy, Teri Letts, Tyler Avery. Excused: Todd Landis, Tommy Miller, Cynthia Newsome

**Pledge:** Led by V President S Benham.

**Approval of the Agenda:** H Dawson motioned to approve, supported by S Benham. Voted and approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were presented for April 20, 2022 motion made by H Horton to approve, supported by H Dawson voted and approved. Fair entry deadline in July, 8, 2022. Poultry shows and expos have been halted by MDARD due to avian flu, more information to come. Youth Club rosters were due May 15, 2022, leaders please get those in. Ribbon orders are due June 1, 2022 for open class and non livestock and those that the fair office order for.

**Treasurer's Report:** none given in absence of C Newsome

**Manager's Report:** H Horton reported on behalf of C Combs, the motorcycle Ride May 21<sup>st</sup> 11am – 8 pm. Cornhole tournament, food vendors, 50/50, band Just Us 4-7 pm, kids games and more. Ada Leann will perform during fair. Updating Lawnmower racing contract to include liability insurance. Cruise, L Sands will attend City Council meeting, discussion on city's cost to close streets for the cruise. Fair planning, vendor contracts and to do list being worked on. Fair Clean up opportunities available, Marshall Master Gardeners will clean up and plant in front of Floral Hall and the windmill. Fair entry available through Showworks, or in the office. Maintenance; cleaning grounds, repairing water leaks, wheels on gates, supporting events on site. Golf outing update, based on schedule conflicts this event is postponed until fall.

**Audience Comment:** none

**Discussion Items –**

- A. Building and utility review – D Wildt discussed the needs of Grandstand, Comfort Center and newer tractor. Also a site review of all structures. Bids are being taken

**Action Items –**

- A. **Livestock Committee** – R Fry presented 41 youth participation forms, all new to Calhoun County. Motion made by H Horton to allow 36 Calhoun County exhibitors that have never shown before be allowed to show, with the right to auction, supported by H Dawson. Discussion; Voted and approved. H Horton motion to allow the 2 exhibitors that have never shown in another county, Live in Kalamazoo Co, be allowed to show in Calhoun County with the right to auction. Supported by T Letts. Voted and approved. H Horton motioned to allow the 3 youth that have previously shown in Branch Co be allowed to show in Calhoun Co with the right to auction, supported by T Letts. Voted and approved.
- B. **Non Livestock Superintendents** – H Horton motioned to accept Heather Tullis as Superintendent for Open Class Pee Wee. Supported by H Dawson. Voted and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Operations Committee – D Wildt, building and utility review discussed previously. J Olds, waiting on parts for Comfort Center.
- b. Granary Project Committee– H Horton reported on behalf of Catie Boring, A couple grants have been received; Marshall Rotary Foundation for \$5,000 and MDARD grant for \$60,000. The work will begin on the roof, windows and cupola in June. The siding and interior will be later this summer, avoiding fair week.

- c. Finance Committee – na
- d. Livestock Committee – R Fry, DNA sorted at June meeting. Vacancy has not been filled.
- e. Livestock Auction Committee – S Benham, Huntington Bank will clerk the 2022 auction. Belcher will again auctioneer.
- f. Livestock Judging Committee – Fulfilling judges, working with superintendents.
- g. Non livestock Committee – na
- h. Non livestock Auction Committee – na
- i. Non livestock Judging Committee –na
- j. Fair King & Queen Committee – T Letts, meeting soon.
- k. Grandstand Committee – na
- l. Membership Committee – H Horton, memberships available. Members will receive a reduced rate for fair pass with membership. Quarterly newsletter available.
- m. Cruise at the Fountain – C Combs, working on getting things ready
- n. Golf Outing Committee – postponed until fall
- o. Merry Mile Committee- na
- p. Fair Week Camping Committee – Camping currently has a waitlist of 20+ families. Payment due June 1, 2022.

**Events & Community Reports:**

- a. 4-H Council – K Fischer, council has been busy with events; mini golf, fun fair, after school program, project work shops. Exploration Days at MSU June 22-24
- b. FFA Report – Marshall FFA plant sale was a success. Banquet placed new officers, awards and recognition.
- c. Floral Hall - na
- d. Houston School – na
- e. Old Maple Grove Church – na
- f. Fair Museum – na

**Public Comment:**

J Olds, Bathrooms, pipe leak. Bathrooms need vents, block walls.

M Allen, sponsorship \$34,500 confirmed. Silent Auction/door prize items being gathered for events. Reaching out to businesses, thankful for support from the board.

**Board Member Comment:**

D Wildt & J Olds, met with surveyors and attorney to discuss property lines on Warren St and Washington St.

H Horton, the grease bin has been emptied and will need to be done again before fair.

T Letts, drain livestock barns with city, expense.

H Dawson, need to get MEDA behind us for the Cruise.

**Adjourned-** D Wildt, supported by S Benham 7:52

Respectfully,

Hope Horton, Secretary.