

# Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society - dba Cuyahoga County Fair

## Minutes of Board Meeting: April 23, 2020 \*\*

P	D. Barton DB	P	H. Everhart HE	P	S. McHugh SM	P	D. Stephan DS	P	R. Stone RS
P	J. Burke JB	P	T. Fowler TF	A	T. Sabrey TS	A	K. Volpe KV	A	C. Traci CT
P	C. Cooley CC	P	D. Kopy DK	P	J. Scudder JS	P	G. Wind GW		
P	D. Eck DE	P	J.Lewandowski JL	P	C. Sculac BS				

P=present, E=excused, A=absent, L=late, G=guest

The following meeting was conducted with the aid of a call-in service, with the Board members from their homes due to the edict from Governor DeWine for all people to stay at home. Fairgrounds locked down. Session was set-up by Robin Stone through OSU Extension office (Carmen-Zoom). Directors were connected via either computer or telephone. This copy of the minutes is transcribed from a copy of the minutes saved on the service. A special thanks to Robin Stone and OSU for the hook-up and monitoring the meeting.

Meeting opened at 6:34 PM by President Tim Fowler. Tim commented that we should look to a flag flying as opening of our meeting. Comments: Weather changed. Had chance to check in with each Director, Community support, Thanks to Bob Cartmell for help. The use of CCF float in parade around Southwest General Hospital for thanking personnel. Tim and Diane Barton, Jim Lewandowski, Holly Everhart, Joanne Scudder and Janice and Dave Metzger among the crew.

Due to the nature of the meeting, no reports from the secretary and treasurer were presented. Minutes of the last meeting, March 26, 2020 were sent to all directors, and published on our website. They were acknowledged in leu of approving them.

Topics of discussion for meeting:

- IAFE zoom meeting
- OFMA District 9 meeting
- Grants and Loans
- Ride Company
- Electronic funds transfer
- Fall OFMA bus tour
- ODA: Opening or not!

**District 9 of the IAFE** had a zoom meeting with 9 states and Canada represented. JS online. Doom and gloom attitude. California fairs cancelled.

**District 9: OFMA** will hold an abbreviated meeting at Geauga County Fairgrounds on May 10<sup>th</sup>. No meal and 2 representatives from each fair to attend. OFMA passes to be distributed as well as the county fair flyers. TF to attend with either JS or DS. June and July fairs need backup plan. Dewine is supportive of county fairs. No large crowds permitted even after slow roll out beginning in May.

**Grants:** State grant to be in by end of May. Small business loans help to rehire employees.

**Ride Company:** Prime-Time Amusements: Talked to Josh, hoping to keep going. Sees that entertainment as we know it is in trouble. Cost Primetime one hundred thousand dollars to move from Fla to OH. Has 6-7 million dollars in rides and equipment. State Fair has made no predictions at this point.

CC noted that the comments from the Governor mentioned an 18 month turn around.

SM asked if there would be a rebate from insurance company if fair not held.

BS: If we can open, will people come? Some prediction suggest we may only have 50% attendance.

DB: an email was sent to most vendors -refunds or what?

BS: Most Fairground events and programs have canceled. Storage is technically stopped, but Bob C continues to get out those that want to get out.

**State Matching Grant** needs to be approved by the Board. We will submit the paving project from last year done by Advanced Asphalt Paving Company Inc, invoiced at eighty-thousand, three hundred seventy dollars completed in 10/30/2019. The second project will be a new metal roof on the Maintenance Building for a bid of thirty-three thousand, three hundred dollars, by MLC Inc to be completed by June 30, 2020. Motion made by BS to approve the one hundred and thirteen thousand, six hundred and seventy dollars expenditure for the ODA's Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program, to be reimbursed up to fifty thousand dollars upon completion of the project as submitted and approved by Ohio Department of Agriculture and seconded by JL, motion passed unanimously.

**Local Government Loans and Grants:** DE made the motion to apply for all loans and grants available to businesses through local banks and government agencies. Seconded by JB. Motion passed by voice vote.

**HORSE BARNs:** DE and Bob Cartmell have been checking on horse barns and horses in stalls. GW asked if the liability insurance held by the barn managers was up to date. BS assured us he has those documents. It was suggested all barn managers pay at a minimum the utility bills due as part of the invoice.

**STORAGE RELEASING:** Directors can help Cartmell whenever possible. If buildings were not used, could all-year storage be possible?

**DRONES:** Much discussion about the fact that the fairgrounds are being used by neighbors for drone flying. JS stated that since we are close to the airport, only part of the property is permissible for flying of drones. Flyers need a permit from FAA and should get a permission from the CCAS. JS made the motion that anyone flying a drone on the fairgrounds must the proper permit from the FAA and written permission from CCAS. BS: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. DK asked there is a need for signs on the fairgrounds. YES!

**DIRECTOR'S SALARY:** BS: Made motion to suspend the payment of Directors salaries for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020. (April-May-June) Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by DE. Motion passed.

**FLEA MARKET MANAGERS SALARY.** BS made the motion to suspend the monthly salary of the Flea Market Manager for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year (April-May-June) DE 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND BILLS:** GW made the motion to pay utility bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by BS, motion passed.

BS mentioned that the Oktoberfest has not canceled. Would like to keep open for a later date.

DE acknowledged the gift of a 2000 Ford F350 pick-up from Middleburg Heights. DS said that the Mayor and Service Manager will receive a thank you from the Society.

DE: Acknowledged the order of bees for our hives on the grounds. DE has paid for and asked to be reimbursed. Item in budget. Ok by Board.

**MAINTENANCE:** To maintain the grass we will need one laborer to work with Bob Cartmell. Board voted to bring back one of the laborers laid off to help maintain the grounds. Decision will be made by SM. SM made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BS. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM. DE made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> DS, passed

Respectfully submitted.

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David Stephan, Secretary

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Timothy Fowler, President