Franklin County Agricultural Society June 20, 2023

The Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting on June 20 , 2023 was called to order by Gary Fellure. The following members were in attendance: Gary Fellure, Booney Conkright, Shirley Russell, Marty Rigo, Chuck Buck, Dave Fleshman, Emily Gabriel, Rita Bausch, Abby Bates, Dave Hickman, Sharla House, Chris Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Derek Vincent, Julie Krebs, Cameron Krebs, Cassie Fellure, Kevin Wiley and Kathy McNutt. Fair Manager Amy Fleshman was also in attendance. As were Beth Boomershine and Rachel Stoneburner from OSU Extension.

Dave F. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharla moved to accept the corrected May Secretaries Minutes. Seconded by Abby.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed and placed on file for audit.

Fair Managers report was submitted by Abby seconded by Cameron.

Committee Reports:

Grounds/Maintenance : See white board in office for time line of needs. Consider placing post it note as a visual reminder to all of what is needed beside your event.

Home and Fine Arts: Entries at 380, up from this time last year. Sponsorship $4052.

Junior Fair: 8 Steers, 109 Market Rabbits, 20 Turkeys, 40 Ducks, 41 Goats, Pigs are up and Sheep are average. Work Dy July 8 9:00-Noon.

Livestock: Shows are posted. Pig trailers will be parked around the barn. They will be escorted in and out.

Parking and Gates: Went over new app with Hometown, they will go to training with the Moose. Please add pass needs to shared spreadsheet so they can go out after info packet has been sent.

PR/Social Media: Billboard in Grove City. Website traffic is up 125%. Facebook traffic is up 220%. App has been updated with logos of all sponsors, linking to website if applicable. Radio ads are currently airing.

Parade: July 4, all hands on deck at 5:30 AM. Plan to stay until the parade is over. ASE to donate wristbands to pass out with candy. Float will be the Cow Hay Bale. Jr. Fair royalty will ride in a convertible behind it.

Sale Committee: Visible Premise ID has been obtained so we are compliant with ODA for all species. Go to fcfair.org to purchase meat.

Horse Advisory Committee: 148 horses. Tree Arborist said weed killer sprayed around trees where roots where exposed is why there is no leaves. Lots of water to see if they will revive.

Kid’s Tent: Big difference with new experiences: Chick Hatching, Rods Bubble Barn, Duck Racing, Mural

Senior Day: Planned by City of Hilliard. Selling tickets.

Family Fun Day: Brutus will appear in Pavilion. Have 38 registered for Flying Pancake Breakfast. 26 Organizations/Clubs providing Make and Take Activities. Could use help with breakfast.

Special Events: Amy passed around a list of individuals who will be invited to Ribbon Cutting/Luncheon. Jus Rol Contest is posted on the sign.

Ag Day: Lots to do! Secured a Chalk Artist, looking for Ag Demos, Farmers Market and Decorated Hay Bale participants. Need to build a Straw Maze.

Grounds Acts: Laser Tag, Hypnosis and Magic Show, Farmer Travis (TWR) DinoROAR \*(FSaSu), Chainsaw Art, Marvelous Mutts and Magical Train

Entertainment: New Marquee Sign. Will use tow signs from the county. The Flag Lady donated swags for the pavilion.

Old Business:

-Public hearing on 6/26 for the conditional use of asphalt driving pad.

-Cassie moved to obtain a liquor license for Taste of Fair on 7/19. Booney seconded the motion, motion passed.

New Business:

-Cameron moved to get a $40,000 starting bank for Gates. Booney seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Cameron moved to get a $5000 bank for Entertainment. Booney second the motion. Motion carried.

-Jack o Lantern World. Month long rental in October. They will be opened Thursday-Sunday. Will utilize space from Gate 5 up to the Burke, providing fencing and overnight security. Chuck moved that we apply for a Destination Hilliard Visitation Grant for $10,000. Dave F. Seconded the motion. Motion passed.

-Insurance Premium Payment: Kevin moved make one payment of $50,109.02 for insurance to save on interest. Chris seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

-Marty moved to accept Faithful Performance of Duty, instead of Bonding for Kevin, Kathy and Amy. Booney seconded the motion. Motion approved.

-Bates Contract- Dave F. moved to pursue our own concessions for 2024. Kevin Seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will redo the contract with Bates, prior to Thursday 7/20.

-Flowers donated by Straders

-Election Workers – Kevin will find volunteer who can answer questions as to why they are voting on the constitution.

Rachel moved to adjourn the meeting. Booney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting July 11, 2023

Respectively Submitted, Kathy McNutt, Secretary