

January 4, 2025

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for a call meeting on January 4, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention. President Turner called the meeting to order. At the roll call the following members were present Turner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. Mignery moved to suspend the reading of the December 10 meeting and approving the financial statements. Second by Green, motion carried. Wells moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Gerber moved to pay directors and guests expenses for the OFMA convention. Second by Mignery motion carried. The horse barn has been taken down and is now in the cleanup stages. Turner will ask Dingedine about using the cement blocks from the old barn as fill. The diesel fuel in the tank is bad and we need to switch out the tank. The skid loader needed a new injector pump and injectors because of the fuel. The board discussed putting restrooms in the new horse barn or possibly building an addition with bathrooms in the next year or two. Turner will find out where the sewer line is or if there is a septic tank. Davey's Tree service cleared the back fence row for the city of Hamilton and tore up the newly seeded grass in the process. Wilson's and the city of Hamilton will fix the grass. Turner reported that Rumpke will no longer be providing the dumpsters for the Event Center. There have been issues with service and Reliable Container is now providing dumpsters. Simpson moved to give Chris Turner one week of paid PTO and six holidays per year. Second by Ross, motion carried. Carrie Robinson reported there are very few weekends available throughout the year. There have been more trade shows with the renovations happening at the Sharonville and Duke Convention centers. The board needs to look at covering the walkway into the event center. There also needs to be better signage for the office and event center. The Agricultural Society has received \$1400.00 in donations in memory of Carol Kane. The board discussed moving the open-class sheep show to Tuesday, leaving it on Sunday or doing away with it. The board also discussed changing the open-class beef show and not having it open to anyone but junior fair participants. Simpson reported Dark County Tractor pullers will help with the track on Monday, and Singer will have the sled there for the antique tractor pull on Sunday. Handicap accessible bleachers would cost \$2500.00. They would be 16'X25' and would have a ramp that would take up space. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet on February 11, 2025 at 6:00pm at the fairgrounds.