

June 11, 2024

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on June 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. Mignery moved to accept the minutes from the May 14th meeting, second by Green motion carried. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Vollmer, motion carried. Green moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Turner reported Gary Gabbard is finishing the metal on the Beef and Dairy barns and is also building new ticket booths under the grandstand. Trisco has finished work on the grandstand. Martin Marrietta has donated two loads of gravel. Turner plans to use part of the gravel around the picnic shelter. Neals BBQ has their own liquor license and offered to split the money from liquor sales with the fair board, but there was not enough interest from the board to allow Neals to sell alcohol at the fair. Ross will need mulch for his showring by next Tuesday, June 18. Ross asked about the goat association selling items in the goat barn. They would need to talk to Wells about renting a tent. Green moved to pay Zach Gates \$350.00 to pressure wash the mold off the North side of the event center. Vollmer second the motion, motion carried. Wells spoke to Michael Niederman from Keystone Coop about putting up four banners in the swine barn for \$1000.00. Mignery moved to give Gerber the authority to spend up to \$10,000.00 to purchase rain insurance for the grandstand events for the 2024 fair. The Beekeeper's Association has asked if a jar of honey can be sold in the sale of champions. Since it was not a junior fair project the board said no. Vollmer reported Gillespie Feed and Farm Supply will be a \$1000.00 sponsor of the showring in the dairy barn. Simpson reported there will be a packer bid on the chickens in the livestock sale. The packer is willing to take 200 chickens for \$1.25 per pound. Erin Simpson-Sloan asked if EMA can be out of the junior fair building by July 1. That building needs to be set up and ready for judging that takes place before the fair. Junior Fair board members will be at the buyer's appreciation dinner on July 12 to help set up and clean up. Last year the barnyard rodeo had to be moved into the swine barn because there was equipment in the way. Green will have the swine showring cleaned out for the veggie car race Wednesday. He will need junior fair board members to help sweep up. The board discussed renting the spaces under the grandstand and ways to secure those spaces. The Homeland Security trailer will be at the fair again this year at no charge. Chris and Carrie, junior fair entries went well. One person paid \$300.00 in late entry fees. Martech needs to be replaced after this year. There have been issues with paying through Martech. There are 57 people on the waiting list for camping spots. Everything has been sent to Lemon Granite for the website and are waiting for the developer to send a test link. Paul Harris, past OFMA President, passed away June 4, 2024. The board's thoughts and prayers go out to his family. With no further business to discuss, Mignery moved to adjourn. Second by Green. The board will meet on July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds.