

March 12, 2019

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds. At roll call the following members were present; Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Hiltbrand; Mignery; Minges; Robinson; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes were approved as read. Gerber moved to accept the financial statements, second by Minges, motion passed. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Second by Simpson, motion passed. The Fairfield Fire department inspected the new building. The missing ceiling tiles in the concession areas of the new building need to be fixed. Mignery volunteered to install the missing tiles. April 6 and April 27 are the dates for boats and campers to move out of storage. After discussing when returning camper applications should be turned in Gerber moved returning camper applications and preferred parking applications are due into the fair office the same day as junior fair entries in June by 3:00 pm. Second by Robinson, motion passed. Turner reported the board needs to replace water lines going to the horse area. The old pipes are failing. Simpson will talk to a couple different contractors about doing the work. Turner met with Butler County commissioner Don Dixon and general contractor Bob Hutsepiller at the fair grounds to discuss finishing the new building and the parking lot. They discussed different options for gates and fencing so the flow of people during the fair and into and out of the fair office wouldn't be disrupted. Turner asked all board members who are available on Sunday March 17 to please be at the fair grounds at 2:00 pm to look at the parking lot and the reception side of the new building. Simpson asked about the possibility of charging a reduced admission to the fair on Saturday to try and boost attendance. Bittner showed attendance for each day of the 2018 Butler County fair. Sunday-21,880; Monday-17,208; Tuesday-19,500; Wednesday-22,400; Thursday-25,300; Friday-55,000 and Saturday- 19,000. Saturday's attendance was in line with the attendance for the first three(3) days of the fair. With no further business Gerber moved to adjourn, second by Mignery. The board will meet for their regular meeting on April 9,2019 at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds.