August 10, 2021

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on August 10, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. Robinson was absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Wells motion passed. Vollmer moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Mignery second the motion, all present voted yes. Simpson moved to pay all premiums for the 2021 Butler County fair. Second by Gerber, motion passed. Each director reported on their department. Goat department- Mignery; goat numbers were down from previous years, and he has received a few letters of disapproval over the pigmy goat judge. Simpson reported on the grandstand events. Attendance was good, mostly well behaved and thanked everyone who helped. Horse department - Gerber, the new waterlines worked well, no major problems. He stated the board needs to look into putting permanent electric to the camping area to replace the generator. Bittner passed out sheets showing gate admission for each day. Bittner reported the Sunday and Saturday crowds were the best he has seen in years. Beef department- Vollmer, going to look at moving weigh ins to earlier in the day. Swine department- Green, no complaints, have a lot of good help in the swine department. Green also reported the board needs to look into getting a new scale to weigh the hogs. Dog and Sheep departments- Ross, the dog department would like to have their show during the fair. They would have to have the show in the area between the small animal barn and the art hall. The sheep department had a large open show but changes to the Ohio State Fair may affect attendance. The open class sheep show is also paying out more in premiums than it is generating. Green was approached about what the IT needs are for the fair, and what the costs would be. Cari Robinson will look into other programs and their costs. Wells reported on the concessions. There were a few empty tents, but most of those spots were paid for and the people did not show for various reasons. Selling tickets through Event Brite totaled $11,420.00 for the week. Simpson moved to pay $20,000.00 to Freedom House Church, $4000.00 to Ambassadors Point and $599.00 to Tara White for parking cars, selling and collecting tickets and scheduling workers. The motion was second by Minery, motion passed. Reliable Dumpsters provided dumpster and trash removal for the fair and did an outstanding job. Turner reported the fair board is paying $250.00 per month for weekly pick up of the dumpster by the art hall. Reliable Dumpsters has given the board a quote of $100.00 per month for weekly pick up. Mingery moved to switch weekly service to Reliable Dumpsters for $100.00 per month. Second by Ross, motion passed. Mignery installed security cameras in the office and plans to install two on the outside of the building. Simpson advised the board there are poles in front of the grandstands and in the infield that need to be replaced. Ross asked the board to text him any projects in their departments that Butler Tech would be able to work on and he would pass them along. Facebook, Wells reported from July 13 through August 9 the fairs Facebook page had 16,739 views and 810 new likes. The fairgrounds bobcat golf cart needs engine work. Gerber moved to spend $1500.00 for the repairs, second by Vollmer, motion passed. Mr. Puckett said the post card he received in the mail was an excellent way to communicate the livestock sale to buyers. Cari Robinson reported Pedro has added rodeo dates for September 5th; 6th and the 25th. Event bookings are up for the event center as well. The bench that was supposed to be in memory of Jim Cochran became the second bench for Jim Wells. The board will see about getting a new board with Jim Cochran’s name for one of those benches. Mignery moved to go into executive session. Ross second the motion. Roll call vote Turner-Y; Bittner-Y; Gerber-Y Simpson-Y; Mignery-Y; Wells-Y; Ross-Y; Green-Y and Vollmer -Y. Motion passed. Mignery moved to leave executive session. Second by Simpson. Roll call vote Wells-Y; Ross-Y; Green-Y; Vollmer-Y; Bittner-Y; Gerber-Y; Simpson-Y; Mignery-Y and Turner-Y. Motion passed. Mignery moved to pay the directors $30.00 per meeting and $640.00 grounds committee fee for a total of $1000.00. Gerber second the motion, everyone present voted yes. Mignery moved to pay the executive board; President $1000.00 per month for a total of $12,000.00 and the Treasurer; Vice President and Secretary $1000.00 per year. Gerber second the motion, all present voted yes. Mignery moved to increase Cari Robinson and Chris Turner’s hourly pay $1.00 per hour to $17.00 per hour beginning September 1st 2021. Second by Bittner, motion passed. With no further business Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Vollmer. The board will meet for their regular meeting on September 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.