April 12, 2022

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting April 12, 2022, 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; Robinson; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Gerber moved to accept the financial statements. Second by Mignery, motion passed. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Second by Green, motion passed. Mrs. Knox addressed the board about her granddaughter missing Extension’s April 1st deadline for 4-H enrollment. They would be willing to pay a late fee or whatever else would need to be done. Mary Joe Little also spoke on behalf of the family. She stated that as an advisor she has had trouble with Extension’s website not allowing her to login and check on her club’s registrations. Turner has talked to both sides and Extension is standing firm on the April 1st deadline. Green, there is a family whose son plays high school baseball and plays on a traveling team. They planned on going to the first Quality Assurance, but he had Covid. He has either practice or games 5-6 days a week. The family has requested taking the online Quality Assurance that OSU Extension, they have been told that will not qualify for Butler County. After discussion moved Butler County will accept any OSU Extension approved Quality Assurance program, in person or online, at least 45 days before the fair. Second by Green. Roll call voted Robinson-N; Wells-Y; Ross-Y; Green-Y; Vollmer-Y; Turner-Y; Bittner-N; Gerber-N; Simpson-N and Mignery -Y. Motion passed 6-4. Robinson reported the Art Hall entries will be due between July 6 and July 16, online or in the office. They must purchase a 4- or 7-day pass and are allowed to have up to 50 entries. Any entries above 50 will cost 25 cents each. Ross discussed joining a company called StayPlay Made Simple, that will help rent the campgrounds at the fair once Spooky Nook Sports Complex opens. Turner has already been in contact with the Butler County Visitors Bureau and the City of Hamilton Chambers of Commerce about the availability of the campgrounds. Simpson reported on the district 3 spring meeting. The redistricting issue in Ohio is holding up the payment process from the state. Avian flu has been found in Ohio. Simpson moved to purchase 6 new water hydrants for $842.52. Green second the motion, motion passed. Ross moved to allow Co-Alliance Co-op to provide all back tags and stall cards for junior fair. The motion was second by Robinson, motion passed. Turner presented the board with a quote from Hutzenpillar to build awnings over the walk-up window to the office, the front door to the office and both entry doors on the West side of the new building of $40,000.00. After discussion Wells moved to pay $40,000.00 to have the awnings built. Second by Bittner, motion passed. Mignery met with a contractor to look at repairing the grandstands. The quote was $1,000,000.00 to repair the concrete, the steps and to tuck point the brick. Erin Simpson-Sloan reported all the old displays from the junior fair building have been thrown away. With no further business to discuss Gerber moved to adjourn, second by Mignery. The board will meet for their regular meeting May 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.