



PAULDING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Regular Meeting of the Paulding County Agricultural Society was called to order by President Dan Howell on November 12th, 2025, at 6:40 pm at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Youth Leadership Building. The following members were present: Faith Meraz, Dan Howell, Heidi Conlon, Sarah McCabe, Miranda Leatherman, Randy Slattman, Nolan Johanns, Jonathon Rose, Francis Saxton, Rebecca Kessler, Rhonda Bates, Brandon Wobler, Zach Wobler, Bruce Farquhar, Austin Conlon, Lori Davis, Gus Davis

Shawn Hurd was excused.

Guests present were Kaylie Tressler, Myleigh Sheets, Bryce Rosswurm, Kaylee Dunham, Tori Schlatter, Mackenzie Leatherman, Mariah Klopfenstein, Michael Schweinsberg, Colton Howell, Tony Miller.

Guests:

- Austin moved to go to guests. Rhonda seconded, and the motion carried.
- The junior fair shared that they decided on a new rule for parents for quality assurance of a first year animal project. Steer tagging is December 6th 9-11 am, anticipating only around six steers.
- Tony Miller shared the profit and loss statement from the junior fairboard for November 2024 through October 2025. Planning to wait a year to order new sheep pens because the hog barn scale needs rewired and other maintenance items need done in the junior fair office. Asked for questions, and there were none. OFMA - Colton and Kaylie will attend with the junior fair members.
 - Defiance Horse Council requested use of arena for clinic on May 30th right before the fair like last year.

- Michael Schweinsberg revisited the new rule for quality assurance, suggesting only parent for the first-year livestock project (junior fair decision) and then he recommends parents of last year underweight animals to attend as well. Having a separate breakout for parents and kids would prevent distractions. Senior fairboard sets the final determination of this rule. Quality assurance has been revamped with a lot of hands-on activities.
 - OFMA updates - not a lot of changes coming out for the junior fair side.
- Austin moved to return to the regular order of business. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

- Brandon moved to approve the previous meeting minutes as sent out via email before the meeting. Austin seconded, and the motion carried.
- Brandon moved to approve the October treasurer's report. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.
 - Heidi and Austin got everyone registered for OFMA. If others are interested, its \$75 until the end of the month
- Nolan Johanns moved to approve the percentage of livestock sale \$26,269.08 to the junior fair. Rhonda Bates seconded, and the motion carried.
- Brandon Wobler moved to accept a recommended revision to the quality assurance program from the year, including parents of exhibitors in the first year in a new species and all exhibitors with an animal underweight at the previous year. Nolan Johanns seconded, and the motion carried.
- Rhonda Bates moved for Defiance Horse Council use of May 30th horse arena for clinic. Nolan Johanns seconded, and the motion carried.
- Working with commissioners and the village, we are applying for a grant with the state for a new water main and four new fire hydrants (2 inside fairgrounds, at shower house and block building). The cost of the project is \$260,000 (¼ county, ¼ village, ½ state). The state would put the other half up for our restrooms if we put up half (Bicentennial Budget).
 - Question of whether we could work on both restroom plans was discussed.

- All the track lighting and the road is done. Major electric line to the one end of the track is only buried 4 inches in the ground, about 20 feet of this was ripped out while fixing the road, and this issue will need to be addressed.
- Came under budget with this project so the board may be looking at replacing a few of the poles on the race horse end. Frankart would be willing to work on this once discussed.
- Question of the board using old poles to make a shooting backstop for archery and air rifles down in the bottom for 4-H project use. Sign because it would be unlawful to use an actual firearm down there.
- Question of open carry law and checking on liability for the shooting backstop.
- Rhonda Bates moved to approve the shooting backstop for 4-H project use. Jonathan Rose seconded, and the motion carried.
- Jonathon Rose requested approval of \$2000 to replace the paneling in the office. Rhonda Bates seconded. Nolan Johans seconded, and the motion carried.
- Has been requested to continue meeting in the Youth Leadership Building during the winter months.
- Nolan Johans moved to close out 2025. Brandon Wobler seconded, and the motion carried.
- Nolan Johans moved to reopen 2025 to swear in new member. Jonathan Rose seconded, and the motion carried.
- Swearing in Zach Wobler.
- Shawn Hurd did not turn in a petition to run for election on a township/village. Request to appoint. However, he is not in attendance, so this will be handled at a later date.
- Nolan Johans motion to close out 2025. Brandon Wobler seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

- Nolan Johans moved to open nominations for 2026. Rhonda Bates Seconded, and the motion carried.
- Rhonda Bates moved to nominate Sarah McCabe for secretary. Jonathan Rose seconded. She accepted.
- Austin Conlon moved to close nominations. Nolan Johans seconded. The motion carried, and the board elected Sarah McCabe as secretary.

- Nolan Johanns moved to nominate Jonathon Rose for vice president. Rhonda Bates seconded. He accepted.
- Austin Conlon moved to close nominations. Rhonda Bates seconded. The motion carried, and the board elected Jonathon Rose as vice president.
- Rhonda Bates moved to nominate Dan Howell for president. Nolan Johanns seconded. He accepted.
- Austin Conlon moved to close nominations. Nolan Johanns seconded. The motion carried, and the board elected Dan Howell as president.

New Business:

- The board opened discussion for the 2026 fair year.
- Jonathon Rose moved to approve the rodeo for 2026. Rhonda Bates seconded, and the motion carried.
- Sarah McCabe introduced a quote for 8 days of kids rides and activities for 2026. Quoted \$35,000 with 14 items and 8 volunteers. Quoted \$42,000 for 17 items and 8 volunteers. \$52,400 for 17 items no volunteers. More information will be given at next meeting.
- Dan Howell introduced a quote for Egbert for 6 kiddie rides for \$25,000, add 2 bigger rides \$35,000 for 8 days.
- Blow ups last year \$30,000.
- Sarah McCabe secured Hailey Weidenhammer to make 100 unfrosted cupcakes & bagged frosting for \$80 for kids decorating activities.
 - Heads of Open Shows should reach out to Sarah McCabe regarding Google forms for show registrations.
 - Online sponsorship page is built. Need to discuss if donations should be by event or levels. A presentation will take place at the next meeting.
 - Taking committee photos in December.
- Nolan Johanns went to the district meeting.
 - Recommendation for camper storage next year: all board members park in the same barn.
- Rebecca Kessler is working on addresses to send out emails by December 1st, date to guarantee passes and banners
 - incorporate more community activism

- Easter activity wreath
- Brandon Wobler has a bid for poultry packer per pound.
- Gus Davis went to the racing banquet at Ridgeville Corners.
 - Like to go to night racing at 6 p.m. but would go to 11:30 p.m. if you had 20 races, only know three days before the races, would start earlier if more people are registered.
- Heidi Conlon shared that we need to switch banks (currently Wesbanco) because the fees are not making sense. Board opinion on looking at another bank. Union Bank. The money market might not need to be moved. Will have information for the next meeting.
- Send letters out by December 1st but wait to send out ACH option on second mailing.
- It was discussed to change the wording of the senior fair meeting date to the Wednesday after the second Tuesday of the month.
- Another option was discussed that the junior fair moves to the first Tuesday of the month when the second Wednesday falls before the second Tuesday.
- Dan Howell opened a discussion on minimum work hour involvement for senior fair board members. The board discussed behind the scenes work, certain departments could do non-work meeting hours, like the website, harness racing, secretary.
- It was decided to table the discussion of quantifying hours until the next meeting.
- Woodchuck come back to look at the 760 due to a hydraulic leak.

Adjournment:

- Miranda Leatherman moved to adjourn the meeting, and Nolan Johanns seconded. The motion carried.

President: _____

Secretary: _____