



# 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 December 10th, 2025, at 6:34 pm at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Extension Building. The following members were present: Sarah McCabe, Dan Howell, Heidi Conlon, Miranda Leatherman, Randy Slattman, Nolan Johanns, Rhonda Bates, Francis Saxton, Bruce Farquhar, Brandon Wobler, Chad Manz, Faith Meraz, and Lori Davis.

Jonathon Rose, Rebecca Kessler, Zach Wobler, Austin Conlon, Gus Davis & Shawn Hurd were excused.

Guests present were Kaylie Tressler, Colton Howell, and Tony Miller.

## **Guests:**

- Nolan moved to go to guests. Francis seconded, and the motion carried.
- The junior fair shared that steer tagging went well.
- The junior fair will need to replace the scale head on the hog scale and a rabbit scale needs replaced.
- Ready for OFMA
- Nolan moved to return to the regular order of business. Francis seconded, and the motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

- Sarah presented the Donation Options webpage. Will look further into Venmo options.
- Nolan moved to approve the previous meeting minutes as sent out via email before the meeting. Bruce seconded, and the motion carried.

- Nolan moved to approve the November treasurer's report. Bruce seconded, and the motion carried.
  - Statement Activity used for annual report
  - Comparison last year/this year-rabbit barn last year
    - Fund 1890, other fees -\$217.13; deduction for Premier needs moved to financing. The other 2 are OFM fees
    - Fund 3130, Restricted donations, donors designate where donations go
    - Increase in our insurance
    - Fund 9190, went up; showmanship, reimbursement for hog roast, cleaning, t-shirts, Carolyn Saxton reimbursement (Francis).
- Nolan moved to approve the Comparison report. Francis seconded, and the motion carried.
- Heidi provided information on moving banks.
  - Union Bank
    - Bathroom Fund money market-3.54% for six months, then variable
    - Premier 2.29% money market
    - We have 4 accounts. \$100 a month in fees from Premier
    - Brandon moved to move all accounts at Premier at the discretion of exec & finance committee. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.
  - Heidi didn't transfer funds in time for the Jr Fair Board reimbursement. Check bounced. No fees were charged. Going forward, in July, when the premium numbers are known, the amount will be transferred from the general fund to the livestock fund.
- Bruce moved to accept treasurer's report. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.
- Dan discussed rides. Zach Timbrook will do 12 inflatables for \$25,000. Egbert proposed eight rides at \$40,000, six kiddie rides at \$30,000. Ten thousand would be due at signing, half of the remainder would be due once they pass inspection. The balance would be due at fair. We would save \$5,000 if we scheduled by OFMA. It was decided to table until next month.
- Sarah offered a ride option from Cincinnati Circus. Package #1 is 17 activities for \$52,400. Package #2 is 14 activities for \$45,400. It was decided to table until next month.

## **New Business:**

- Miranda discussed Tyson Schulte, a singer from Illinois. She has reached out but hasn't heard back. Steer tagging went well.
- Randy brought a discussion on the horse virus EHV-1. It was pointed out that horses come down with the virus quickly.
- Rhonda brought to the board's attention a need for blue first-place ribbons. What is the best price break around 100? Heidi will get pricing and send out a group text.
- Bruce asked for dates of the Sponsor Dinner.
  - Miranda moved to schedule a date of Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 6 p.m. for the Sponsorship Dinner. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.
  - Brandon moved to form a committee for Sponsor Dinner baskets. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried. The committee is made up of Bruce, Faith, and Rebecca.
- Brandon asked for a general number of Poultry entries for packer.
  - No idea until January per Jr. Fair Board
  - Camping will have a February 15 deadline for applications
  - New language for first of the year
  - Brandon moved for a new fee of \$225 from \$200 for 2027. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.
  - Having no tents on camper sites, tents only on separate individual sites was discussed. A committee meeting will take place to discuss details for upcoming season. Decisions will be brought to the January meeting.
- Faith wanted clarification of the Sponsorship letter pit passes. Change to pit passes that can be used at any grandstand event. Will be numbered. Dan will talk to TyAnna about handing out.
- Sarah suggested an interactive station in each barn. Dan gave an example of a beef cut lift-up display. Tony discussed a horse stall in another county that had things that didn't belong or were safety issues.
- Dan
  - January, be thinking about golf carts.
  - Randy moved to have the barns sanitized seven days prior to fair. The fire extinguishers need inspected in April. Nolan seconded, and the motion carried.

- Sarah will be emailing committee reports. Get with Dan if you don't like a particular assignment
- Track lighting- 1 short, \$7,299.60 left from state grant
  - Rhonda motioned ordering 2 lights, 1 being extra. Nolan seconded, and the motion passed.
- Nolan moved to start updating the system from the grandstand to the racehorse barn with current funding. Bruce seconded, and the motion carried.
- Applied for two Bicentennial Budget grants,
  - Bathroom: our half would come from grandstand funds, the state would cover the other half.
  - 8" water main along road
    - 4 hydrants: block bldg., shower house, 2 across road, water taps
    - ¼ County contribution
    - ¼ Village contribution
    - ½ State contribution
  - Grants approved by April
- NTPA has been refunded as a credit. This will be used for the cost of 2026.
- Waterline leak on the racetrack. Gus fixed.

**Adjournment:**

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_