

**Darke County Agricultural Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

February 4, 2026

**OFFICERS:** **MARLA WERNER – PRESIDENT, JAYDEN HICKS – VICE PRESIDENT,**

**VACANT – TREASURER, HEIDI MAY – FAIR SECRETARY**

**DIRECTORS:** **CRAIG BOWMAN, GLEN MOORE, DEAN NEFF, GREG PEARON, DAVE SINGER,  
RUSS SKAGGS, CURTIS YOUNT**

**CARETAKER:**

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Ann Poe, Martha Baker, Danicka Michael, Apollo Perez, Kelley Moore, Tim Reck, Jana Deeter, Wyatt Bubeck, Angela Graf, Holly Daugherty, Betsy Petitjean, Connie Stollar, Kacey Stollar, Tiffany Pope, Jessica Fisher, Joel Brantingham, Angie Bender, Kaitlyn Barga, Jodi Michael, A Goat

Roll Call at 7:00pm

10 Members' present.

1. The pledge and blessing were said.
2. Agenda: Curtis moved, Dean second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (10-0)**
3. Minutes: Craig moved, Dean second, to approve the minutes of the January meeting. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
4. Public Comment:
  - Tim Reck: Tim came in to discuss the money he had raised and not being allowed to use it. He claims that people will hate him when he is done, and some would. He discussed a barn fire and hazards around the barns with the stalls being locked. He has stated that all of us need replaced.
  - Danicka brought up an issue that she heard from the Junior Fair about doing community service to get their pass. She and some others do not like this idea.
  - Jana questions if Park National Bank is the best for the book. We are looking into other banks currently.
5. Junior Fair Report:
  - Betsy gave an update of several things she has posted, done and dates that are coming up for events. Everyone had a brief on their desks. Heidi moved to accept the sales committee's changes for the time to deposit checks, second by Dean. **Motion carried (6, 3, 1).**
6. Caretaker Report:
  - Dave Jay's report is on our desks.
7. Secretary Report:
  - Heidi went over the report that each board member received on their desk.

**8. Treasurers Report:**

- Heidi presented the Treasurer's report.

**9. Record of Expenses:**

- Jayden moved, Curtis second to file the record of expenses. **Motion carried, (10-0).**

**10. Contracts:**

- Heidi presented all the contracts, paying and gratis. Craig moved, dean second to approve the paying contract. **Motion carried, (10,0).**
- Jayden moved and Curtis second to approve the gratis contracts. **Motion carried, (10-0).**

**11. Director Reports:**

- Glen: Working to finalize the fine arts secretary.
- Russ: Asked to see if we can have the Verizon tower moved to a different area. We will check into this.
- Craig: None.
- Dean: Dean had an estimate for fans for the beef pavilion for a total of \$45,500. There has been some communication between both the beef and dairy, but no real solution between the two has been reached. The board decided to try and set up a meeting between the beef and dairy committees with the board. Dean also let the board know of some sewer and water issues that Sherry Excavating has worked on.
- Curtis: Gave an update on a project he is looking into in the pig barn.
- Dave: Got the rodeo contract signed.
- Greg: None.
- Jayden: Website is up to date. Jayden also looked for clarification times on Wednesday between the Veterans event and the Horse Racing events. DCHHA Banquet is coming up, so Jayden moved to give 1 free stall for a year to the DCHHA Banquet, Dave seconded. **Motion carried, (9-0-1).**
- Marla: None.

**12. Old Business:**

- Jayden moved and Curtis second to approve all secretaries other than the fine arts dept. secretary. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
- Heidi gave some Etix updates related to the concert and other paying grandstand events.
- Jayden gave a gates update, especially looking at Gate 3 and Gate 7. We still are looking for Gate 1 attendants.
- Marla let everyone share what they learned from OFMA. Some highlights, we all share problems with attendance and Audits and money. Craig and Jayden sat through OHHA sessions; Dave sat through the State Veterinarian session and signed the tractor pull contract. Dean spent a lot of time talking to people, picking up valuable information from various individuals. Curtis shared the idea of flipping the fairgrounds and finding your fluent Facebook followers to share and push your post. Heidi shared that convention was different for her in her new role, and she has learned a lot about reports and coding. She also got 750 free swine tags and 4 new RFID readers. Jayden sat through a lot of state agency sanctioned events. Jayden also clarified why we are receiving an audit. Marla said she is learning a lot about policies necessary for running ag societies and how we will be creating more policies

to help with clarity and such. Fair queen also participated in the Ohio Fairs Queen Contest. ODA also named Mike and Linda Fourman as fair supporters of the year!

**13. New Business:**

- Jayden moved to open the nominations for the election of Treasurer. Heidi second and nominations were open. Russ nominates Curtis and Russ second. Greg closed nominations with Jayden second. Curtis is now the Treasurer of the Darke County Agricultural Society.
- Jayden gave a snow update and maybe considering a plan for the snow and moving various trailers and vehicles prior to snowfall. Also, should we have someone on call to come help move snow. Two areas where our fences are down north of gate two.
- Ted Finarn has offered to be our legal counsel. Curtis moved and Dean second to approve a one-year contract with Ted Finarn as our legal counsel. **Motion carried, (10-0).**

**14.** Jayden made a motion to enter executive session, second by Dean, Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law & to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. **Motion carried, (10-0).**

**15.** Into executive session at 8:56 PM

**16.** Out of executive session at 9:53 PM

**17.** Dean moved to appoint Apollo Perez to the vacant seat of the Ag Society Board of Directors. Curtis seconded the motion, and after membership was confirmed (0004), the role was called. **Motion carried (10-0).**

**18.** Seat will open in August for election. Marla will be working on committee adjustments.

**19.** Jayden made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Curtis, **motion carried (10-0).**

**20.** Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Approved a motion to accept the agenda, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

**2. Approved a motion to accept the minutes, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

**3. Approved a motion to accept the Sale Committee's Check procedure, motion carried (6-3-1).**

**YEAHS:** May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Skaggs, Werner

**NEAHS:** Bowman, Singer, Yount,

**ABSTAIN:** Hicks

**4. Approved a motion to file the record of expenses, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

**5. Approved a motion to accept the paying contracts, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

**6. Approved a motion to accept the gratis contracts, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

- 7. Approved a motion to give DCHHA 1 free stall for a year for their banquet auction, motion carried (9-0-1).**

**YEAHS:** Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Bowman

- 8. Approved a motion to accept the 2026 list of department secretaries, excluding fine arts, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

- 9. Approved a motion to accept the bid for Ted Finarn as our lawyer, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

- 10. Approved a motion to enter executive session, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

- 11. Approved a motion to appoint Apollo Perez to the vacant seat of the Darke County Agricultural Society Board of Directors, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None

- 12. Approved a motion to Adjourn the meeting, motion carried (10-0).**

**YEAHS:** Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

**NEAHS:** None