

Darke County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

September 9, 2026

OFFICERS: **MARLA WERNER – *PRESIDENT*, JAYDEN HICKS – *VICE PRESIDENT*,**
 CURTIS YOUNT – *TREASURER*, HEIDI MAY – *FAIR SECRETARY*

DIRECTORS: **CRAIG BOWMAN, GLEN MOORE, DEAN NEFF, GREG PEARSON, APOLLO PEREZ,**
 DAVE SINGER, RUSS SKAGGS

CARETAKER: David Jay

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Wyatt Bubeck, Vickie Willcox, Chuck Willcox, Brad Wilcox, Kurt Wagner, Tim
 Reck, Rob Finkbine, Martha Baker, Holly Daugherty, Tiffany Pope, Danicka
 Michael, Betsy Petitjean, Jana Deeter, Rorie Stump, Heather Stump, Eric Stump,
 Jared Teegarden, Barb Spitler, Bob Spitler, Deanna Pothast, Dylan Hesson,
 Melissa Brawley

Roll Call at 7:00pm

11 Members' present.

1. The pledge said by all and blessing by Glen were said.
2. Agenda: Dean moved, Apolo second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (11-0)**
3. Minutes: Glen moved, Curtis second, to approve the minutes of the August 5th, 19th & 21st-29th meetings. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
4. Public Comment:
 - Melissa Brawley talked about motorcycle races and asked to come back next year. She also has some ideas she would like to discuss and come up with for next year. She would like a meeting to discuss these issues with Greg and Heidi.
5. Junior Fair Report:
 - Betsy passed her report around. Gave September update, she has 2 more clubs to get to do premium money, and the next Jr Fair meeting will be September 10, 2026 at 7:30 in the youth building. We also got the 2026 JR fair results. Atlanta gave Heidi her ShoWorks report and 10 state's and 1320 total entries.
 - OSU- Mercedes McFarland, please keep blue barrel of boards for youth building set up. Keep the stand-up fan in the youth building. They would also like new cables to be put up and labeled correctly.

6. Caretaker Report:

- David Jay emailed his report and resignation letter. Heidi read the maintenance report. There were 4 maintenance requests and 4 were closed. The weekly preventative maintenance was 30 and 30 completed.

7. Secretary Report:

- Heidi did not have a report. We are getting the office put back in order and wrapping up all the fair paperwork and getting the binders ready to flip for the 2027 fair. Heidi gave a contract update with Aggressive Pest Control.
- Russ moved, Apollo seconded to renew the contract of Aggressive pest Control for \$1,725.00 per year for 48 months. **Motion Carried (11-0).**
- Heidi gave a quote for the doors to be replaced in the speed office. The first quote we got was for 1 door at \$2,225.00 from Wissman back in August. The second quote we got was for 2 doors at \$2,500.00 from Ignaffo Roofing. Dean moved, Jayden seconded to approve the quote from Ignaffo Roofing for \$2,500.00 to replace the speed office doors. **Motion Carried (11-0).**

8. Treasurers Report & Record of Expenses:

- Curtis gave the report. Apollo moved Dean seconded to accept to file the Treasurer report. **Motion carried (11-0).**
- Dean moved, Curtis seconded to accept and file the expense. **Motion carried (10-0-1).**

9. Contracts:

- No contracts.

10. Legal Report:

- Ted Finarn was not present.

11. Director Reports:

- **Glen:** Fine Arts is cleaned and ready for storage to be put in.
- **Craig:** Betsy sent a text that rabbits are still passing away, the vet is doing a autopsy. Thanked Jim Buchy for all his hard work. We got over 9,000 views on OHHA live viewing for horse races.
- **Dave:** Fair went well. We got it done despite all the rain.
- **Greg:** Greg moved, seconded by Jayden to have the motorcycle races with for the rider's promotion, Melissa Brawley on August 27, 2027 on Friday night. **Motion Carried (11-0).** Races went well.
- **Russ:** Horse shows went well. Like the 6 hitch horses for Terry Marker donated by the American Legion. Russ moved, Craig seconded to allow widows to still receive the FREE 50th anniversary tickets. **Motion Carried (6-5).**
- **Dean:** Gate 5 & 6 talked to Logan Post about baling it. Was impressed with all the campers and how everyone remained calm and waited patiently to get parked. Has 2 mowers we can

purchase, that are 71-inch decks that would be available October/November. Dean moved, Apollo seconded to purchase 5 loads of grindings at \$200 a load. **Motion Carried (9-2).**

- **Apollo:** Camping went well, learned a lot. Tie outs are done and put away by the Generations 4-H club and the Cattleman's Association. Started cooking at 2:30 for the veteran's meal, served over 700 meals.
- **Curtis:** I have issues with Matt Aultman discussing Amy Finkbine in that was discussed in private conversation. Executive session should stay in executive session. Swine barn is all cleaned up and ready to go. Over 700 veterans' meals were served out. Banners need to come down any help would be appreciated.
- **Jayden:** The 4 races went well. 52,088 people went through the gate. Gate money was \$, total for the week \$.
- **Marla:** Great fair, good weather, camping help was great and very much appreciated. 30 Campers did not get parked. Patience goes a long way.
- **Heidi:** Thanked everyone for a great fair.

12. Old Business:

- Goat Committee, Heidi moved Jayden seconded to go into executive session for (1) 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, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code. **Motion Carried (10-0-1).** In at 7:55pm out at 8:33pm.
- Jayden moved, Heidi seconded that Jim McDade having be escorted from the Great Darke County fairgrounds due to disorderly and disrupted behavior as in other cases presented be barred from attending, participating in, exhibiting at, camping at, other wise entering upon the Great Darke County fairgrounds or any Great Darke County sponsored event for life. This shall come into effect immediately by adoption of this motion and shall remain in effect. **Motion Carried (11-0).**
- Jayden moved, Heidi seconded that Olivia Schmitmeyer be barred from seating on JR Fair committee on the Great Darke County Fair effected immediately upon the adoption of this motion and shall remain in effect. **Motion Carried (11-0).**

13. New Business:

- Fair Recap.
- Storage Contracts, we talked about the move in date. We settled on October 12.
- Illumination, we are going to take chairs down on Monday, September 21 at 8:30 pm.
- Constitutional Admendment was handed out to look over and vote at the next meeting.
- Elections and ticket Policies need to be looked over.

14. Jayden made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Dean, **motion carried (11-0).**

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approved a motion to accept the agenda, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

2. Approved a motion to accept the minutes, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

3. Approved a motion to approve to accept to file the Treasurer report. Motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

4. Approved a motion to approve to accept and file the expense. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

NEAHS: None

Abstain: May

5. Approve to renew the contract of Aggressive pest Control for \$1,725.00 per year for 48 months. Motion Carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

6. Approve a motion to the quote from Ignaffo Roofing for \$2,500.00 to replace the speed office doors. Motion Carried (11-0).

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Perez, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner
NEAHS: None

7. Approved a motion to allow widows to still receive the FREE 50th anniversary tickets. Motion Carried (6-5).

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

8. Approved to purchase 5 loads of grindings at \$200 a load. Motion Carried (9-2).

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NEAHS: None

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

NEAHS: None

13. Approved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None