

Darke County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 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:

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Vickie Willcox, Chuck Willcox, Martha Baker, Dawn Hope-Chapman, Ann Poe,
Jana Deeter, Kelley Moore, Brad Wilcox, Kurt Wagner, Rob Finkbine, Danicka
Michael, Holly Daugherty, Betsy Petitjean, Jessica Fisher, Tiffany Pope, Kyle
Schlechty, Biggin, Ryan Berry

Roll Call at 7:00pm

11 Members' present.

1. The pledge and blessing were said.
2. Agenda: Curtis moved, Craig second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (11-0)**
3. Minutes: Dean moved, Russ second, to approve the minutes of the February meeting. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
4. Public Comment:
 - Jana Deeter stated she is looking forward to the Fair Book.
5. Junior Fair Report:
 - Betsy passed her report around. Pageant dates are set; websites are up to date and Facebook is flowing with announcements. Next meeting is March 12th, with a work session for the Junior Fair on April 9th.
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6. Caretaker Report:
 - Dave Jay's report is on our desks, he also ran through some of the important topics highlighted within our reports. They cleaned up around the Terrill Building and are waiting for weather to warm up to get some of the maintenance requests taken care of.
7. Secretary Report:
 - Heidi went over the report that each board member received on their desk. She highlighted certain events and encouraged all board members to read this report in depth and ask questions about it if they have them.
 - Dean moved to purchase a podium for the Community center, not to exceed \$350, second by Apollo. **Motion carried, (11-0).**

- Dean moved, Dave seconded, to put a cellular dial into the Beef and Dairy Pavilion. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
 - Apollo moved, Russ seconded to raise the petition take out fee to \$20 from \$10. **Motion carried, (6-4-1).**
 - Dean moved, Curtis second, to pull \$5,000 in cash for the ATM. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
- 8. Treasurers Report & Record of Expenses:**
- Curtis presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Curtis moved, Apollo second to move the CD Spile to the Merchants Bank money marketing account. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
 - Curtis moved, Dean second to file the record of expenses and the treasurer's report. **Motion carried, (10-0-1).**
- 9. Contracts:**
- Heidi presented all the contracts, paying and gratis. Craig moved, Glen second to approve the paying contracts. **Motion carried, (11,0).**
- 10. Legal Report:**
- Ted Finarn presented the Legal Report and that he is reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws as well as Index it. He will continue this work and make a set of recommendations soon. He is also looking at contracts and has some recommendations he is working on for those.
- 11. Director Reports:**
- Glen: We have a new fine arts secretary, Chonda Hunt. She is very excited and is getting straight to work.
 - Craig: He will be meeting with Dawn Hope on getting golf cart contracts ready and what she needs.
 - Dave: Goats want an open class Boer goat show and weathers on the Monday of Fair. They have some increased interest in this show. Dave moved to add an addition Boer and weather open show. Craig seconded. **Motion carried, (11-0).** Dave also asked to move the band spectacular to Monday at 11 and then have the afternoon DCTPA tractor pulls on Monday night. Dave moved, Craig seconded to do this. **Motion carried (7,4).**
 - Greg: None.
 - Russ: We have a spot to set up at the home and sports show.
 - Dean: Talk to Bob Spitler to do the asphalt and pave around the youth building, on the east side.
 - Apollo: Jenny Siegrist is starting the fundraising campaign for fans in the cattle show arena.
 - Curtis: None
 - Jayden: Passed out packets that looked over gate options for gate 3 and gate 7. He also passed out information about the executive session process. Be sure to do them correctly.
 - Marla: Marla has got the gazebo acts filled! Starting to roll those out soon. All sponsored by Darke Rural Electric Cooperative. Poultry would like the approval to buy and hang fans for ventilation in the Poultry barn. We would have to cover a portion of the installation. Greg moved to help with the installation, not to exceed \$1,000. **Motion carried, (11-0).** Dean moved to have Cooke and Belle as the openers for Dylan Scott not to exceed \$3,000. **Motion**

carried, (11-0). Craig moved and Dave second to approve membership with Darke County Chamber of Commerce at the silver level of \$500. **Motion carried, (11-0).**

12. Old Business:

- Glen moved, Craig second to accept Chonda Hunt as the fine arts secretary. Motion carried, (11-0).
- Be prepared to decide on gates at the next meeting.
- Community center needs more chairs and carts. Curtis moved and Dean second to finish buying the chairs and carts not to exceed \$3500 (100 chairs and 2 carts). **Motion carried (11-0).**

13. New Business:

- The board discussed mileage reimbursement. The board discussed paying the mileage or leaving it up to the judges to give their price and we will negotiate according to our budget/find another judge. The board agreed to have a work session to discuss this further.
- The Electrical contract through Bender Electric was shared. With a few small increases, the contract did not change much. Craig moved, Dave second to accept the Bender Electric Contract as presented. **Motion carried, (11-0).**

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, (11-0).**

15. Into executive session at 8:38 PM

16. Out of executive session at 9:30 PM

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

18. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

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 purchase a podium not to exceed \$350, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 4. Approved a motion to put a cellular dial in the Beef and Dairy Pavillion, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 5. Approved a motion to raise the fee to pull a petition to run for the Darke County Agricultural Society to \$20.00, motion carried (6-4-1).**

YEAHS: May, Moore, Perez, Singer, Skaggs, Werner

NEAHS: Bowman, Neff, Pearson, Yount

ABSTAIN: Hicks

- 6. Approved a motion pull \$5,000 for the ATM, motion carried (6-4-1).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 7. Approved a motion to move the CD Spile Account to a Merchants Bank money marketing account, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

8. Approved a motion to file the record of expenses and treasurer's report, motion carried (10-0-1).

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

NEAHS: None

ABSTAIN: May

9. Approved a motion to accept the paying contracts, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

10. Approved a motion to add an addition Boer and weather open show, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

11. Approved a motion to move the band spectacular to Monday at 11 and then have the afternoon DCTPA tractor pulls on Monday night, motion carried (7-4).

YEAHS: Bowman, May, Neff, Perez, Singer, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: Hicks, Moore, Pearson, Skaggs

12. Approved a motion to help the Poultry Dept. with the installation of fans, not to exceed \$1,000, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

13. Approved a motion to have Cooke and Belle as the opener for Dylan Scott not to exceed \$3,000, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

14. Approved a motion to approve a membership with Darke County Chamber of Commerce at the silver level for \$500, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

15. Approved a motion to finish buying the chairs and carts not to exceed \$3500 (100 chairs and 2 carts), motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

16. Approved a motion to accept the Bender Electric Contract as presented, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

17. Approved a motion to enter executive session, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

18. Approved a motion to adjourn, motion carried (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None