

Darke County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Special Meeting

July 15, 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: Rob Finkbine, Brad Wilcox, Jana Deeter, Wyatt Bubeck, Vickie Wilcox, Jody Neff, John Perkins, Angie Perkins, Tiffany Pope, Kathleen Ditmer, Tom Baker, Danicka Michael, Joel Brantingham, Penny Adkins, Justin Rogers, Dean Mote, Tammy Rogers, Larry Pariot, Jim Kaulfman, Martha Baker, Jim Zumbrunk, Kathy Snyder, Doug Martin, Martha Baker

Roll Call at 7:00pm

11 Members' present.

1. The pledge and blessing were said.
2. Agenda: Dean moved, Russ second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (11-0)**
3. Public Comment:
 - Tom Baker gave an update on the renovations, 35 stalls were cleaned, mats have been hung, and north end of barn 4 is completed.
 - Jana Baker asked about the 250th and fair T-shirts, Marla explained what is being made and will be available.
 - Penny Adkins explained her medical issue and commented on the golf cart fees, missing money, expressed her desire for an apology as well as for members to step down, and offered her forgiveness.
 - Justin Rogers offered his opinion on the issues with golf carts.
 - Tiffany Pope gave an update on the raise-the-roof fundraiser, just over \$75,000 has been raised, a current bid was received from Brumbaugh construction for a 120x230 building covering the arena only but will still allow for future additions. This is estimated to cost between 1.3-1.445 million. Fundraising will be continued, July 28th is the pool party, July 23rd-25th is the Kitchen Aid pop-up, and tickets are for sale for the cooler raffle.

- Jody Neff stated that she needs adult (18+) gate workers/ticket takers in the grandstand for fair week.
- Kathleen Ditmer expressed her concerns about having dogs at the fair and what measures will be taken to follow the rules set in place. The dog barn will also have purifiers being used.

4. Old Business:

- Fair preparation

5. New Business:

- Jayden moved, Glenn second, to approve the treasures report and file expenses.

Motion carried (8-0-3)

- Maintenance- the Massey is fixed, tire 15538 (\$1,500)
 - o Mower- put fluids in the right place, needs new tires
 - o There is a mechanic that would service equipment once a year if needed. (\$50 an hour, first time 5-6 hours; 3-4 every time after)
- There is an individual willing to bale the soccer field
- Jayden moved, Dave second, to approve for Hiedi May to be the liaison and Marla Werner to be the designated signer for the new construction happening at Eidson rd. to Bert st.

Motion carried (11-0).

- Hiedi moved, apollo second, to give \$500 (\$250 each) to Diesel Hartsock and Sheldon Marker for their assistance with the fair.

Motion carried (8-0-2)

- Congratulations to the 2026 Jr Fair King and Queen, Shawna Schmitmeyer and Bryce Watson
- Renter is now out of the property and options need to be discussed on how to rent it out again.

6. Director Reports:

- Glen: Thank you for fireworks. Fine Arts is good. DD doing good.
- Craig: Sound system, 4 speakers and 2 amplifiers are getting put up, this was \$10,000.
- Dave: Congratulations to the King and Queen
- Greg: Vendors are good
- Russ: Fair and ride pass's
- Dean: None
- Apollo: None
- Curtis: None
- Jayden: New construction is happening on Eidson rd. to Bert st. and a liaison is needed.
- Heidi: Things are going good in office. A lot of tickets and ride passes sold. Entries are due July 20th. Fair prep is going well. Would like to ask the board to give an extra \$500 to Diesel Hartsock and Sheldon Marker.

- Marla: Congratulations to the King and Queen, Rental is empty and needs some updating and plans made on when and how to rent it back out.
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7. Jayden made a motion to enter executive session, second by Curtis, Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules or state statutes by division (G) (5) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 8. Jayden made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Dean, **motion carried (11-0).**
 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

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 approve the treasures report and file expenses (8-0-3).

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

NEAHS: None

Abstain: Craig, Heidi, Marla

3. Approved a motion to approve Hiedi May to be the liaison and Marla Werner to be the designated signer for the new construction happening at Eidson rd. to Bert st. (11-0).

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

NEAHS: None

4. Approved a motion to move to approve giving \$500 (\$250 each) to Diesel Hartsock and Sheldon Marker (8-0-2).

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

NEAHS: None

Abstain: Craig, Curtis

5. Approved a motion, enter executive session, second by Curtis, Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules or state statues by division (G) (5) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Motion carried, (10-1).

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

NEAHS: Bowman

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

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

NEAHS: None