

Darke County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Special Meeting

July 29, 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: Craig Bowman, Dean Neff

GUESTS: Joel Brantingham, Kurt Wagner, Tim Bale, Brian Rismiller

Roll Call at 7:00pm

9 Members' present.

1. The pledge by all and blessing by Glen was said.
2. Agenda: Russ moved, Curtis second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (9-0)**
3. Public Comment: None
4. Old Business:
 - Fair preparation, getting more signs, Jody cabinet is done. Barns are set all but 2.
5. New Business:
 - Jayden moved, Glenn second, to approve the fair app renewal for a price of \$2450. Rich Roofing will be the sponsor.
Motion carried (9-0).
 - Dave moved, Russ seconded to allow Gunkle tree service to take down dead trees for a price of \$15,450.00 not to exceed that amount. **Motion carried (9-0).**
 - Jr fair wants landscaping done in front of their office. Flory's wants to take the 2 trees down to do this. We want to investigate this further.
6. Director Reports:
 - Glen: 3 box Seats left. What about Reserve seats?
 - Craig:
 - Dave: Rodeo needs insurance. It's a go only stops if it lightnings.
 - Greg: None

- Russ: Groundhog in Horse barns. Spray the horse barn. Small water Truck need some attention. Looking into a water wagon for the 4-H horses.
 - Dean:
 - Apollo: Beef landscaping needs looked at. Apollo talked to Kevin Flory. Apollo moved, Glen seconded to allow Kevin Flory to fix the landscaping not to exceed \$3,450.00. Apollo will try and get donations for this. **Motion Carried (9-0)**
 - Curtis:
 - Jayden: Crow's nest got painted, looks nice. Box seats for the races Jayden needs some. New flags for the grounds. Work on spraying the north end barns.
 - Heidi: Safety Emergency plan please look at. Speed office door quote on door from Wisseman. Get another quote. Does it have to be a still door. Call Greenville Door Sales. Check the Speed barns for the new paint.
 - Marla: Safety meeting. Will paint new lines, sweep lanes and spray mosquitoes. Rabbit restrooms check on the water meter. Turn off during the day and turn back on at 11:00 and check with water office in the morning. Paint the roof. Quote of \$660 to paint the roof. Apollo moved, Curtis seconded, to paint the roof by Gowers at a cost of \$660. **Motion carried (9-0).** Payment for the board for the 2025 meetings and mileage. Meal allowance for \$250 for board members. Apollo moved, Russ seconded, to pay for the 2025 board meeting and the \$250 meal allowance. Motion failed (4-5). Apollo moved, Russ seconded, to pay the \$250 meal allowance. **Motion carried (6-3).**
7. Heidi made a motion to enter executive session, second by Jayden, (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. (5) 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 (8-1)**
 8. Jayden made a motion to officially hire Diesel Hartsock and Sheldon Marker at \$16.00 an hour and Kristin Looper at \$17.00 an hour. **Motion carried (9-0).**
 9. Jayden made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Glen, **motion carried (9-0).**
 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approved a motion to accept the agenda, motion carried (9-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 2. Approved a motion to go with Kevin Flory to fix the beef landscaping at no more than \$3450.00 Motion carried (9-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 3. Approved a motion to approve Gower to paint the rabbit roof painting at no more than \$660. Motion carried (9-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 4. Approved a motion to move to pay the 2025 board meetings and \$250 meal allowance. Motion failed (4-5)**

YEAHS: Pearson, Perez, Skaggs, Yount

NEAHS: Hicks, May, Moore, Singer, Skaggs, Werner

- 5. Approved a motion to pay for \$250 meal allowance for fair. Motion carried (6-3).**

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

NEAHS: Pearson, Singer, Yount

- 6. Approved a motion to renew the fair app at a cost of \$2450.00 with Rich Roofing as the sponsorship.**

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

NEAHS: None

- 7. Approved a motion to allow Gunkle tree service to take down dead trees for a price of \$15,450.00 not to exceed that amount. Motion carried (9-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 8. Approved a motion, enter 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. (6) 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, (10-1).**

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

NEAHS: Bowman

- 9. Approved a motion to officially hire Sheldon Marker & Diesel Hartsock at \$16 and Kristen Looper at \$17.**

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

NEAHS: None

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

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

NEAHS: None