

Darke County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting

April 1, 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: Vickie Willcox, Chuck Willcox, Martha Baker, Dawn Hope-Chapman, Mandy Martin, Rick Buehner, Kelley Moore, Brad Wilcox, Kurt Wagner, Rob Finkbine, Danicka Michael, Holly Daugherty, Betsy Petitjean, Jessica Fisher, Tiffany Pope, Kyle Schlechty, Biggin, Ryan Berry, Linda Archey, Jessica Berry, Doug Martin, Wyatt Bubeck, Dwayne Rutter, Natasha Shilt, Micheal Harrison, Wade Harrison, Jodi Micheal, Brandy Rhodehamel, Mike James, Lori Godown, Tim Bales, Velvet Grow, Jason Ignaffo, Mercedes McFarland, Darla Rench, Christian Rench, Morgan Aultman, Brandy Fisher, Abbey Fischer.

Roll Call at 7:00pm

11 Members' present.

1. The pledge and blessing were said.
2. Agenda: Craig moved, Russ second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (11-0)**
3. Minutes: Curtis moved, Apollo second, to approve the minutes of the April meeting. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
4. Public Comment:
 - There was none.
5. Junior Fair Report:
 - Betsy passed her report around. Green book changes, all rules' changes and reminder updates went out, Awards getting ordered. 840 tags, getting counts on these.
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6. Caretaker Report:
 - David Jay was not present.
7. Secretary Report:
 - Heidi went over the report that each board member received on their desk. She highlighted certain areas; Box Seat are done and printed. Down to a couple vendors to pay.

8. Treasurers Report & Record of Expenses:

- Curtis presented the Treasurer's report.
- Curtis moved, Dean second to file the record of expenses and the treasurer's report. **Motion carried, (9-0-2).**

9. Contracts:

- Heidi presented all the contracts, paying and gratis. Curtis moved, Dean second to approve the paying contracts. **Motion carried, (11,0).**

10. Legal Report:

- Ted Finarn was not present.

11. Director Reports:

- Glen: Fine arts is getting everything ready. Band Show will go over in old business.
- Craig: Rabbit committee held a meeting they would like released on Wednesday, they would like to hold a open show on the last Saturday of fair and run it themselves, April 26th they would like to bring in a food vendor for free, Craig moved and Dave seconded to allow the rabbit committee to hold a show on the last Saturday of fair and run it themselves. **Motion carried (11-0).**
- Dave: None.
- Greg: Vendor payment was due today. Vendor committee will get together to see where we are.
- Russ: Terry Marker and the American Legion would like to sponsor a tent, portable stalls, and Terry's team of horses at the south end. They will go around the track once a day and haul the veterans in on Wednesday. Russ moved and Apollo seconded to allow the Legion and Marker to set up Monday-Thursday at the south end. **Motion carried (11-0).**
- Dean: Talk to Bob Spitler to do the asphalt and pave around the youth building, it will be done before fair.
- Apollo: None
- Curtis: None
- Jayden: Passed out a letter from Chelsea Duvall would like to be able to leave early.
- Marla: Talked about the District meeting in Henry County Fairgrounds.

12. Old Business:

- Jessica Berry gave a speech.
- Craig wants to call a work session for the band show.
- We went over Policies and will check with the lawyer on them.
- Jayden moved and Dean seconded to add Gate 7 @ the Terrill Building for a cost of \$1500 9am-9pm. **Motion carried (11-0)**

13. New Business:

- Greg got estimates for the youth building.
- The board discussed storage contracts and the removal of batteries and propane tanks.
- Dean moved and Greg seconded to spend \$3500 to purchase a drag, 80 Teeth and 40 Holders. Motion carried (9-0-2).
- Jayden will check on the water truck.
- Glen moved and Craig seconded to buy tires for the 2-year-old grasshopper. **Motion carried (11-0)**

- Dean moved and Russ seconded to accept the Barnes Septic contract for the 2026 fair. **Motion Carried (10-0-1).**
- 14.** Heidi made a motion to enter executive session, second by Dean, Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules or state statues by division & 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 request a public hearing by division. **Motion carried, (11-0).**
- 15.** Into executive session at 8:13 PM
- 16.** Out of executive session at 9:13 PM
- 17.** Craig moved and Dean seconded to hire 3 seasonal caretakers. **Motion carried, (11-0)**
- 18.** Dave made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Jayden, **motion carried (11-0).**
- 19.** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 file the record of expenses and treasurer's report, motion carried (9-0-2).**

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

NEAHS: None

ABSTAIN: May, Werner

- 4. 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

- 5. Approved a motion to allow the Rabbit Committee to hold a show on the last Saturday of fair, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 6. Approved a motion to allow the Legion and Marker to set up Monday-Thursday at the south end a tent, portable stalls and the 6 team of horses that would go around 1 a day and take the veterans on Wednesday around the track. motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS:

- 7. Approved amotion to add Gate 7 at the Terrill building for \$1500 from 9am-9pm, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 8. Approved a motion to purchase 2 tires for the 2-year-old grasshopper, motion carried (11-0).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 9. Approved a motion to accept the Barnes Septic contract for the 2026 fair, Motion carried (10-1).**

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

NEAHS: None

- 10. 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

- 11. Approved to hire 3 seasonal caretakers, motion carried (11-0)**

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

NEAHS: None

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

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

NEAHS: None

