

## August 13, 2019

The Butler County Agricultural Society met on August 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds. At rollcall the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Hiltbrand; Mignery; Minges; Robinson; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Minges moved to accept the financial statements, second by Mignery motion passed. Gerber moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll, second by Minges motion passed. Mignery moved to pay the Seven Mile Isaac Walton chapter \$150.00 for running one of the courtesy carts, second by Robinson all present voted yes. Simpson moved to pay TNT Trophies \$2438.00 for trophies for the demolition derby, second by Hiltbrand motion passed. Crystal Benecker offered her help for the 2020 fair. She observed some things she wants to assist with. Glen and Layne Minges expressed concerns over dairy feeder calves being 100% dairy and the leasing of animals to junior fair members and not being cared for by the exhibitor. Simpson would like to purchase 10 more pens for chicken before the 2020 fair. We rented 29 pens from Montgomery County this year. Simpson also raised the topic of the tunnel that goes under the race track. There are a couple of holes that have developed and we need to look at filling the tunnel in. Simpson will speak to the county about opening the tunnel and filling it in. Gerber is going to look into tearing down the production horse barn the cost of replacing it with. Vollmer would like to upgrade the electric and fans in the dairy barn. Hiltbrand has spoken with Jim Burns about getting local acts to perform under the grandstands and open a beer garden. He will do more research on the beer garden. Vollmer moved to pay Prengers \$1294.90 for new pulsate and control for the milking parlor, second by Hiltbrand motion passed. Wells brought several issues to the board's attention. The snow fence in the infield that is supposed to divide the pit area from the camping area needs addressed. Water hydrant by new building leaks; look into being able to pay with credit cards at the front gate; Presale tickets available online for admission and grandstand events; Look at giving admission tickets to the County Engineers office, Simpson said he is already taking care of this; giving people the option to buy a fair book; had complaints about the speakers in the horse area; Gregg Peck has repairs to make after the storm that hit the fairgrounds; six toilets and one urinal in the grandstand restrooms are broken. Wells moved to give Gary Clemmons a \$500.00 bonus for his efforts, second by Mignery. After discussion Simpson moved to table the motion second by Gerber. The motion to table the motion passed. To address the situation in the grandstand restrooms Minges will get prices on fixtures. Turner and Gerber will each get quotes on labor to install new partitions. Turner reported there will not be any money from the county for a new parking lot. Turner is going to get pricing on redoing the fence around the new parking lot. Hiltbrand will get a quote on gravel. Wells reported it would be convenient to have a skid steer mounted trailer spotter. Hiltbrand moved to spend \$197.00 for a trailer spotter. Second by Minges, motion passed. With no further business Gerber moved to adjourn, second by Mignery. The board will meet for a regular meeting on September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds.