

Eaton County Fairboard Minutes 1/20/20

- **Ag Society Members, Visitors, and Friends of the Fairboard:**

- Randy McConnell
- Debra Martin
- Liz Hubert
- Brandy Mildabridle
- Kristy Oosterhouse
- Carla Nighbert
- Ben Tirrell
- Amelia Tirrell
- Mary Stoll
- Lisa Shilling
- Betty Pettit
- Theresa Wojnar
- Bonnie Seitler
- Phil Rolfe
- Jill Cord
- Reagan Tirrell
- Jenni Stehlik

- **Fairboard members present**

- Martin Fabrik
- Willis Rugg
- Ron Aves
- Don Roll
- Howard Troutner
- Seth Cords
- Ben McMillon
- Jeremy Droscha
- Dale Barth
- Brian Cain
- Scott Underwood
- Brian Martin
- Josh Baty

- **Absent Fairboard members**

- Matt Trumble
- Megan Declercq

- **Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm**

- **Secretary's Report**

- Not available

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Not available until the CPA is done with the financial year.

- **Committee Reports**

- Brian Martin reported that the Kardel Hall fundraiser has a new total of \$12,687.00
- Scott Underwood reported the advertising committee has engaged the new advertising company C&R Marketing. They will be targeting some of the early rodeos in the area to promote our rodeo.



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- Scott also indicated as soon as he gets the lineup for the fair entertainment he will be getting that out and available for the public with the help of the adverting company.
- Ron Aves reported that he took the Ford tractor home for service. He changed the fluids and charged the battery.
- He took the zero turn home as well and has serviced that as well.
- He is also working on a plan for the underground water line issues we are experiencing in the campground/barn areas.

- **Extension Report**

- Kristy Oosterhouse wants to make sure all of the superintendents and fair board of directors are receiving her emails.
- There are some volunteer changes.
 - Each 4-H volunteer will have to apply through the MSU data base. Both new and old volunteers
 - The volunteers will be broken up in two groups gold and silver and gold.
 - Gold is in direct contact with youth
 - Silver no direct contact with youth.
 - Application and background check with Kristi
 - Feb 3rd @ 6pm in person at the extension office
 - Feb 19th @ 7 with ZOOM/video conferencing. See Kristi for more details
 - 4-H day at the Breslin Center is March 1st.
 - Free tickets to the women's basketball game. Game time is TBD
 - Ticket registration is on line. See Kristi for details.

- **Member and Visitors**

- Randy McConnell asked for horse race purposes for the official fair start date get moved to Saturday. We can get more money for the colts stakes if we do that.

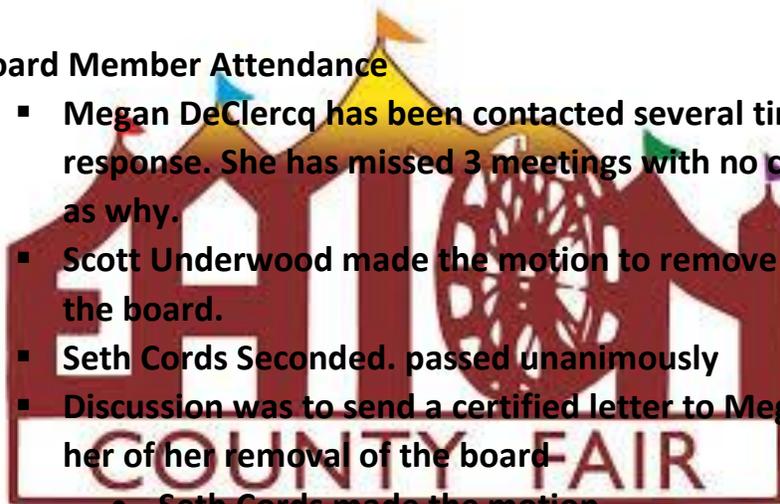
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- Jill Cords brought up the Purina Feed seminar and asked if we could post on the fair board website. Monday March 10, 2020 at 7:00pm
- **Old Business**
 - Beer tent
 - Committee formed
 - Ron Aves Seth Cords
 - Scott Underwood
 - They will report every month as to what progress is being made
 - Jeremy Droscha made the motion
 - Ron Aves Seconded
 - Motion Passed unanimously
 - MAFE Convention
 - Great classes and discussions
 - See attached minutes
 - Committees let martin know if you have any questions or concerns
 - Committee lists are posted online at the fairboard website.
 - Kardell Gutters are done and look very good
 - Office phone
 - We will be going with WOW
 - 2 phone lines, a fax line, and internet will be \$143.00 a month
 - \$150 install Fee
 - ATT was \$190 a month with very poor reliability
 - Brian Martin motioned
 - Seth Cords Second
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Shed Row
 - We need written permission by the city. Needs to be submitted by Jan 27th. It will be brought up at their next meeting 2 weeks after the 27th meeting.
 - Seth Cords reported that he has the time and equipment donated by Vic Parker for removal.



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- Crandell Bros. indicated they will remove the refuse free of charge.
 - Beau Ewing indicated it would be \$2000 - \$3000 for the electrical repairs afterwards.
 - Waiting on a quote for the fence
 - Committee will be formed after the city's decision
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- Board Member Attendance
 - Megan DeClercq has been contacted several times with no response. She has missed 3 meetings with no communication as why.
 - Scott Underwood made the motion to remove Megan from the board.
 - Seth Cords Seconded. passed unanimously
 - Discussion was to send a certified letter to Megan to inform her of her removal of the board
 - Seth Cords made the motion
 - Jeremy Droscha seconded. Motion passed unanimously
 - Code of conduct forms. Get them signed and sent to Martin
 - Animal Oasis Fair Contract
 - \$3000 for 6 day.
 - Martin to discuss \$1 pony rides on Tuesday and Saturday of fair.
 - Seth Cords made the motion to accept.
 - Scott Underwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously
 - DeWayne Spaw Fair Contract
 - Dewayne will sing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday the week of fair.
 - Cost is \$2000



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- Scott Underwood made motion to accept the contract
- Brian Cain Seconded. Motion passed unanimously

○ Saturday Truck, Tractor, Semi Pulls

- West Michigan Pullers will be the promoter of the pull. There will be 8 classes minimum. 5-7 of the classes will be for championship points.
- Show will start at 6:00 pm
- Street Diesels
- Street Semis
- \$4750 for the show
- \$1500 for the sled
- Purses paid by WMP
- Motion made by Seth Cords
- Don Seconded. Motion passed unanimously

○ Antique tractor pull Saturday of fair

- Jeremy is still working on logistics

○ Tuesday of fair

- Free grandstand show
- 5 community bands headed up by Don Mulvany
- Show will start a 3 pm and go until 10 pm
- \$2500 for the stage
- \$1500 for the bands
- Brian Martion made motion to accept
- Jeremy Droscha seconded. Motion passed unanimously



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- Gray Build roof
 - Insurance claim for hail damage was accepted
 - Martin Fabrik and Ron Aves acquiring quotes for steel roofing
- New Business
 - First Monday meeting of the month will be an official meeting at the discretion of the president.
 - Jeremy Droscha made the motion to accept
 - Scott Underwood accepted. Motion passed unanimously
 - Fairbook changes.
 - See attached fair book changes.
 - Ron made the motion to accept
 - Scott Underwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously
 - Fairboard Attorney
 - Martin Fabrik and Jeremy Droscha met with David Smith to be our legal council
 - \$250 hourly rate
 - Ron Aves made the motion to accept
 - Brian Martin Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Raise the Ag Society member fees from \$3 to \$15
 - Motion was made by Brian Martin
 - Motion Seconded by Scott Underwood. Motion passed 11-1
 - Move to adjourn at 9:35 pm
 - Motion by Seth Cords
 - Seconded Jeremy Droscha. Motion passed unanimously.

