

AFFIDAVIT

State of Ohio, County of Champaign, ss:


I, Wayne Cook, President of the Champaign County Agricultural Society aka Champaign County Fair Board ("Board"), hereby deposes and states:

1. That I have personal knowledge for the statements made herein,
2. That the Board decided by passage of a motion to leave the gun signs (prohibiting guns of the fairground premises) down including the buildings at its May 2025 meeting.
3. That all signs had previously been removed after the 2024 county fair as was the usual process due to gun sales on the premises throughout the year, but not during the week of fair.
4. That he has removed the notice of the gun prohibition during the fair in the 2025 fair book and it is being sent to the printer at this time.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Wayne Cook

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, the 16th day of June, 2025.


Notary Public
JANE A. NAPIER, Attorney at Law
In and For the State of Ohio
My Commission has no expiration date
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

Flea Market: Melinda brought up the budget. As of now they are advertising with The Bull for \$350 per month for 15 spots a week. The Bull has offered to add the Flea Market ad to the end of the Fun Farm Facts at \$298 per month for 12 months with 30 segments per month. For the month of July, the fair could use the segments, however they see fit. Levi R. asked if the advertising has helped with attendance. Melinda said they are seeing about 50-100 people more per month. Randy L. explained that years ago the budget was \$800-\$900 per month. Melinda said another option is 45 spots for \$398 per month. She has a Facebook page that she has joined many surrounding states antique & flea market groups on & then shares the flea market with those groups. This is bringing in other vendors. Max is interested in the 45 spots for \$398. Extensive discussions.

*****Randy Leopard made a motion to allow the Flea Market a budget of \$800 per month for advertising with the stipulation that the month of July is for Fair advertising. Seconded by Jeff Havens. Motion carried.**

Melinda also acknowledged Randy D. for the work he has put in with a crew to place permanent markers to make less work for the flea market staff. Jeff H. commented on how nice they look & Wayne agreed. Thank you, Randy!

Melinda updated the board on Fair Entry. She is going to go live on Monday. She made several changes to make it better. The National Pork Council would like to donate 4 wands to read the RFID tags.

New Business: Horse Stall Cleaning: Wayne has several spots available that he would like to offer to 4-H Clubs. Levi R. asked what the pay is & Wayne explained that during the rodeo it's about \$2,000.

Fair Book: Make sure to get all changes turned in quickly. Be thinking about the cover & any dedications. Wayne suggested the Sea Brook Barn for the cover & Doug Michael for the dedication.

*****Levi Runkle made a motion to dedicate the fair book to Doug Michael, Kurt's father. Seconded by Tom Tullis. Motion carried.**

Levi R. informed the board that the bedding for the showring could be delivered tomorrow. He informed Nancy of the invoice. The board will be billed for 6 tons & New Horizon Ag paid for the other 6 tons.


Wayne offered the NTPA posters to anyone who would like to hang them.

Next meeting will be held June 5, 2025, at 7 pm.

Tom Tullis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Havens. Motion carried at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corkey Detwiler, Secretary

 _____ Dated: 6-5-25
Wayne Cook, President (dt:5/13/2025)

The Champaign County Agriculture Society Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, May 1, 2025, in the F&M Activities Building. Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Wayne Cook. Roll was called with the following Directors attending: Wayne Cook, Brian Cordial, Jason Blackford, Steve Cook, Brad Coy, Courtney Deere, Matt Detwiler, Randy Dingledine, Rick Dingledine, Dustin Eckurd, Brian Forrest, Jeff Havens, Brandyn Horn, Kenny Lensman, Randy Leopard, Nick Lewis, Kurt Michael, Max Perry, Lee Purk, Tim Purk, Levi Runkle, Truitt Thomas, Tom Tullis, Levi Underwood and Melinda Ryan. Also attending: Corkey Detwiler, Adam Dunham, Joyce Prosser, Tim Sidders, Nancy Valentine and Kevin Talebi.

Levi Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Levi Runkle. Motion approved.

Levi Underwood made a motion to approve the financial report from 4/3/2025, deposit of, \$34,733.61, beginning balance of, \$440,715.42 through 5/2/2025, check #5704 \$185.54, ending balance of \$428,858.36. Seconded by Courtney Deere. Motion approved.

REPORTS: Visitors & Guests: Joyce stated that the flowers are partially finished but she's having some trouble with her hand. She will need some extra help to finish the 4-H circle. Wayne assured her she would get some help.

Jr. Fair Board: Adam explained that the shirt store for the Calland Pull is up & running, shift slots are covered for set-up, all day Saturday & Sunday. The work for the Stock the Trailer Food Drive has started. They are checking on sponsors. The local FFA chapters are in competition to see who can collect the most food by the end of

May. The Chapter that collects the most food will win \$100. They have a plan to do the same contest from June until mid-July with the local 4-H Clubs. The TV that was purchased last month has been mounted on the wall in the Jr. Fair Board building. After the Calland Pull they will start advertising for the Street Sign auction that will be held in February or March.

Livestock Sales: Collected another check.

Grounds: Jeff explained that Chuck Gentis was hired to replace Jackson. They interviewed 4 people & Chuck stood out. He seemed excited about the job & it seemed like he would be a good fit. He started this past Monday (April 28). Steve C. informed the board that Steve Hupp will be coming to look at the modeling pavilion.

Harness Racing: Rick talked about the OHHA Freshman Focus being at the fairgrounds today. They focus on the babies. They filmed several & walked through the barns talking about the babies. The program will air on May 22nd. It will be on Facebook & YouTube on the OHHA sites. Roger Huston “The Voice” of the Little Brown Jug was here as well. Chuck Gentis, the new hire, was worked up & worried about getting the grounds prepared. The mower was broken so he brought his own mower in to make sure the infield & everything looked nice.

Levi R. informed the board that the Goat Council is concerned about the water that comes in the vent in the goat barn. They don’t want the fans to get ruined by excess water. Wayne asked the grounds committee to look at the issue.

Old Business: Campgrounds: Pullins started digging today & Tim has things ready to go when it’s ready.

Barn Sides: Kenny talked to them & the quote is coming. Brian C. & Wayne talked to someone from Old Souls Farms, and they want to do a sponsorship. They know a printing company from Dayton that might be able to print on the barn sides. She needs a sample piece of the screen to take to the printer. Kenny will get a sample.

Gun Signs: Kevin Talebi asked Brian to bring the board up to date on the situation with the gun signs. The Buckeye Institute sent paperwork asking for policy procedure on guns & how the board will & has addressed the issue. Recently they sent a certified mail asking for that information. The Board was served yesterday showing that we have been served the paperwork. The Board is working with the prosecutor's office to come to some kind of resolution. Talebi said the issue is if the board is a political subdivision or a private entity. He stated that several fairs have had this issue. Most solved the issue by diffusing the situation. He asked the attorney general's office to give a formal legal opinion & hasn't heard back. The suit is called a mandamus action suit. Buckeye Institute is seeking a court order for the board to turn over certain public records or documents. He also explained that Chief Smith's issue was a misdemeanor for conduct. The media believed it to be a gun issue & that is why it got so much publicity. Wayne explained that the board needs to decide whether the gun signs will be posted or not. Extensive discussion. Wayne explained that at the time the signs were posted it was legal. It has been brought to the board's attention that the law has changed & the signs may not be legal.

*****Brandyn Horn made a motion to leave the gun signs down on the fairgrounds this includes the buildings. Seconded by Steve Cook. (23 in favor 1 against) Motion carries.**