

The Shelby County Ag Society met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 in Senior Fair Office on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by President Scott Bertsch. Roll call was taken with 27 members present. Also, in attendance was Chris Roediger.

Secretary Report:

Mike York moved to accept the emailed October meeting minutes. Tyler Geise seconded the motion; motion approved.

Treasure Report:

Brad Meyer moved to accept the October EOM Treasurer's report; Bill Frey seconded the motion; motion approved.

Jake Yinger moved to approved the November Bills To Be Paid; Jerry Schmidt seconded the motion; motion approved

Jake Yinger moved to accept the 2025 Budget; Tyler Geise seconded the motion; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Committee Chairs – Jake Yinger stated that he was going with a different Tractor Pull group, contract has already been signed. The same group will provide the sled , different announcer.

Old Business:

Picnic Tables – the quote for the picnic tables has been received.

2025 Shelby County Fair HOF nominees: the following nominees will be voted on during the December meeting; Ivan Zorn, Dick Barhorst, Chuck and Kelly Zell, Bernie Allen, Gary Strasser

2025 Fair Dates – ODA has approved the following fair dates for the Shelby County Fair – July 20 thru 26.

Close out of 2024 Business: Tim Everett moved to close out of the 2024 Board Business; Randy Bensman seconded the motion; motion approved

New Business:

Salem Township Director position – Will Deal shared his interest in filling the Salem Township position on the board, however Tory Kloeppe had previously been approved for the vacancy during the August meeting. Tim Everett declined to rescind his motion to appoint Troy. No further action occurred.

Swearing In of Newly Elected Directors: Ryan Yingst swore in the recently elected directors.

Destroy Ballots: Randy Bensman moved to destroy the ballots after the election of officers; Tyler Geise seconded the motion; motion approved.

Voting: Jamie Reese moved that paper ballots would only be required if multiple nominees; Mike York seconded the motion; motion approved.

Election of Officers:

President

Scott Bertsch asked for nominations for Board President; Randy Bensman nominated Mitch Brautigam, Jake Yinger nominated Scott Bertsch. This was asked 3 times for nominations – Randy moved to close the nominations; Tyler Geise seconded the motion nominations closed.

Paper ballots were distributed - Mitch Brautigam was elected President.

Vice President

Mike York nominated Ryan Yingst. Mitch asked for additional nominations 3 times; Bill Frey moved the nominations be closed; Shannon Roberts seconded the motion; nominations closed.

Ryan Yingst was elected Vice President.

Secretary

Kevin Schaffner nominated Bill Clark. Mitch asked for additional nominations 3 times; Jake Yinger moved the nominations be closed; Jerry Schmidt seconded the motion; nominations closed

Bill Clark was elected Secretary.

Treasurer

Jake Yinger nominated Eugene Schulze. Mitch asked for additional nominations 3 times; Mike York moved the nominations be closed; Tyler Geise seconded the motion; nominations closed

Eugene Schulze was elected Treasurer.

OFMA Convention Delegates: Randy Bensman moved for Jake Yinger be appointed as our delegate for the Sunday Morning OFMA meeting and Scott Bertsch be the alternate, Bill Frey seconded the motion; motion approved.

Executive Sessions: Jake Yinger moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss financial items; Brad Meyer seconded the motion; motion approved. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 PM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

Fees and Compensations: Bill Frey moved to accept the 2025 Fees and Compensations as presented; Brad Meyer seconded the motion; motion approved.

Camping: Jamie Reese shared that the Early Bird Camping remain in place for 2025 with one addition – any camping forms received after June 20th will be placed in spaces as available regardless of past assignments,

Budget: Brad Meyer moved to accept the 2025 Budget as presented; Jake Yinger seconded the motion; motion approved.

