

**Marion County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 11, 2015  
MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President  
Troy Hadley, Vice President  
Greg Bennett  
Kathleen Carl  
Bob Dettwyler  
Troy Hadley  
Brenda Frketich  
Roger DeJager

**Not Present:**

Keith Ditchen  
Joe Sherman  
Connie Young

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Laureal Williams  
Genoa Ingram

**Guests:**

Kris Sallee, City of Aurora

**Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 20, 2015, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Brenda Frketich to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the financial statements, noting no significant changes from the previous month. It was noted that the budget allowed for reimbursement of expenses for Bob and Gail Dettwyler, subject to the same guidelines as attendance at the Oregon Farm Bureau conference. Bob was asked to submit receipts for reimbursement.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Greg Bennett to approve the financial report as submitted. **Motion passed.**

**Membership Approval**

No membership applications received.

**Guest Speaker**

Greg Leo, Lobbyist for City of Wilsonville and Charbonneau Country Club, provided an overview of SB 534 which authorizes extension of services to certain airports. He emphasized that the bill does not require annexation in order to provide services and asked that MCFB go on record in opposition to the bill.

**Guest Speaker**

Senator Fred Girod (R-Stayton) and County Commissioner Kevin Cameron, spoke in favor of SB 534, noting that the bill preserved farmland by not requiring annexation of farmland into cities.

## **Old Business**

*Ag Tour:* Jessica Carpenter reported on seven confirmed stops for the tour, including NW Hazelnut Company, Arrowhead Wild Rice, Mount Angel Hazelnut Shelling and Goschie Farms. The bus is secured and will depart from E.Z. Orchards Farm Market. Staff is attempting to complete the day's agenda and locate a lunch venue. Elected officials will again be invited to attend.

*Community Membership Meetings:* President Zielinski reported on recent membership outreach meetings around the county, adding that positive feedback was received from attendees.

## **New Business**

*Dan Goffin Recognition:* Board members agreed to honor the service of former Board member Dan Goffin with a plaque.

*Port of Portland:* Staff noted an article included in the meeting packets relating to Hanjin Shipping leaving the Port of Portland.

*Marion County Extension Service District:* Staff referenced an email from Chuck Adams seeking Voter Pamphlet statements in support of the Marion County Extension Service. The email indicated that the cost of each statement is \$400.

***By consensus,*** Board members agreed to allow MCFB to be included in a list of supporters in the Voters' Pamphlet but not to expend \$400 for a separate statement.

## **MCFB Membership Drive**

*Community Meetings* President Zielinski suggested inviting some of the attendees of the community membership meetings to the YF&R functions.

## **Advisory Committees**

*Labor Committee:* President Zielinski provided an update on Labor Committee issues such as minimum wage, paid sick leave, flexible work schedules and state administered retirement accounts for the private sector.

*Aggregate Committee:* Bruce Chapin reported that the Aggregate Committee met to discuss HB 2666, relating to non-agricultural use in EFU zones. Bruce explained that the bill would redefine "significant", thereby weakening the protection of farmland.

*Agriculture Production and Transportation:* Brenda Frketich provided a report on the Ag Production and Transportation Committee which reviewed HB 2443 relating to fertilizer (support); HB 2718 relating to soil nutrients (oppose); and HB 2668 relating to industrial hemp (oppose). There was also discussion on proposed pesticide legislation, forestry buffers, and banning of neonicotinoids and phloxes. Additionally, there is a proposal to require that complaints against farming practices must be reported in writing within 30 days and cannot be anonymous.

*Wildlife:* Bob Dettwyler reported on proposed legislation relating wildlife, including proposed predator damage control efforts. He discussed a proposed tax on property owners to support mitigation of predators.

*Water:* President Zielinski reported on discussions relating to critical water areas. He added that the Committee did not address Drift Creek but did discuss the Klamath Basin. He relayed that ODA has \$1.6 million to use for water quality issues while \$1.8 million has been allocated for DEQ to do a pilot program on river temperature on in Klamath Basin.

*Land Use:* Brenda Frketich reported on a conference call to discuss grant programs.

### **YF&R**

Brenda Frketich reported that at the county level, YF&R is meeting with Commander Ladd with Marion County Sherriff's office to discuss traffic safety. The National Leadership Conference will be held this week in Nashville. The FFA Convention will be held in Silverton this year and YF&R is planning to host reception for state degree recipients and their parents. Brenda requested funding for a Kindle Fire to raffle off as a way to collect contact information. She also reported that YF&R is in need of judges for the FFA contest March 23-25.

*By consensus*, the Board approved the purchase of a Kindle Fire for the YF&R raffle.

**OFBF District 15 Director's Report** Bruce Chapin reported that Katie Fast has accepted the position of Executive Director with Oregonians for Food and Shelter. Katie will continue to work with OFB through the end of the Legislative Session. Bruce reported that Ag Fest is scheduled for April 24 – 26.

### **Women's Report**

No report.

### **Agenda Items for March**

- Anita Kennedy, Country Companies

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in Salem.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.