

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – January 20, 2015
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. A quorum was present:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Zielinski, President
Troy Hadley, Vice President
Greg Bennett
Kathleen Carl
Bob Dettwyler
Keith Ditchen
Troy Hadley
Roger DeJager
Brenda Frketich
Joe Sherman
Connie Young

Not Present:

Guests:

Gail Dettwyler
Lon Young
Jessie DeJager

Staff:

Laureal Williams
Genoa Ingram

Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 17, 2014, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the financial statements, noting no significant changes from the previous month.

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

Membership Approval

The Board reviewed the application of Eulalio Villarreal.

MOTION: Moved by Greg Bennett and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to accept Eulalio Villarreal as a Supporting Member. **Motion passed.**

Upon further discussion, President Zielinski asked staff to reach out to Anita Kennedy with Country Companies and request that she or a representative attend a future Board meeting to allow MCFB to emphasize the importance of securing accurate information about potential members.

Old Business

SAIF Ag Banquet: Staff distributed tickets for the January 23 event.

Scott Miller Scholarship: The Board discussed criteria for the Scott Miller Scholarship. The education portion of the scholarship shall run concurrently with the Mary Petzel Scholarship with the same criteria. The driver training portion (five \$100 scholarships) may be awarded at any time during the year once it is determined when and by whom the driver training is available. Only one driver training scholarship per year will be offered and students are not prohibited from applying

for both the education and driver training at the same time. In additions, applicants are able to apply for both the Mary Petzel and the Scott Miller Scholarships at the same time.

New Business

GMO Meeting Discussion: Board members were complimentary with regard to the presentation and felt that good information was provided.

AFBF Report: Staff and Board member Bob Dettwyler provided a report on the AFBF meeting in San Diego. The 2016 Conference will be in Orlando; 2017 will be in Phoenix.

MCFB Ag Bus Tour: The Board would like to schedule the Tour for the first week of April. Upon further discussion the date was set for Tuesday, March 31. The following facilities were suggested:

Hazelnut Production facility (Tim Aman)

Mink Farm

Plant in Mt Angel that converts hazelnut shells to kitty litter

Meat Processing Plant (BrucePac)

Wild Rice facility (Mt Angel)

Winery (Either Seven Brides, Willamette Valley Vineyards, or Goshie's in Mt Angel)

Board Vacancy: Board members discussed a possible replacement for former Board member Dan Goffin who recently retired from the Board. Dylan Wells and Ben Stockclif were suggested.

MCFB Membership Drive

Community Meetings President Zielinski reported that that the first community meeting had been held in Aumsville with the Foothills Association. Connie and Lon Young, Troy Hadley, President Zielinski, and MCFB Staff Laurel Williams attended. The second meeting will be held this coming Friday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Fire Station. A mid-valley event, as well as meetings in Jefferson and Mt Angel are still planned.

Advisory Committees

President Zielinski provided an overview of the Oregon Farm Bureau advisory committee process and highlighted various issues before the legislature such as minimum wage, family leave, GMO, and pesticides. Keith Ditchen reported that there was an issue with Marion County prohibiting farm traffic on Butte Road near Donald. Staff was asked to draft a letter to Marion County Commission seeking clarification and an exemption for farm vehicles.

YF&R

Brenda reported that the group is heading to LaPine this weekend for a state meeting and ski weekend. FFBF leadership conference is coming up in February in Nashville. County event being planned for February.

Women's Report

Connie Young reported that Legislative Day would be held once the legislature convened. Ronald McDonald House events and Ag Fest were also being planned.

Agenda Items for February

- Invitation to Marion County Legislators to attend Board meetings during the Session
- Friends of French Prairie regarding the Utilities in Airports issue

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.