

**Marion County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting – June 10, 2015  
MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President  
Troy Hadley, Vice President  
Brenda Frketich  
Greg Bennett  
Keith Ditchen  
Bob Dettwyler  
Troy Hadley  
Stuart Olson  
Connie Young

**Not Present:**

Kathleen Carl  
Bruce Chapin  
Roger DeJager  
Joe Sherman

**Guests:**

Joel Rue  
Bruce Jaquet  
Paul Measeles, OR Department of Agriculture  
Lon Young

**Staff:**

Genoa Ingram  
Laureal Williams

**Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 13, 2015, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the financial statements, noting no significant changes from the previous month with the exception of several contingency expenses totaling \$310. Additionally, unbudgeted expenses included the purchase of several copies of the movie “Farmland”.

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

**Membership Approval**

Board members considered the following membership applications:

- Linda Thomsen
- Marilyn and Mark Badreau

Staff was asked to glean additional information on both applicants prior to making a determination as to whether to accept them as voting members.

**Guest Speakers**

**Drift Creek Reservoir**

President Zielinski provided background on efforts to build a reservoir in the Victor Point area and transport the water to Silverton and Mt Angel. Joel Rue and Bruce Jaquet introduced themselves and offered to respond to questions from Board members about efforts to build a reservoir on their

properties. Joel and Bruce distributed a Fact Sheet and stated that primary objections were that of eminent domain (for land that has been farmed for several generations) and the loss of wildlife habitat on salmon bearing streams. No fish passages are planned. The proposed reservoir would encompass 12,000 acre of reserve land and 8,000 acre feet of water. Funds raised would be spent on the permitting process. Joel stated that opponents of the reservoir would feel differently if a full-service reservoir were being proposed. He concluded that the primary objection was the use of public funds to promote the reservoir. Jim Johnson, Land Use Specialist, Oregon Department of Agriculture, was suggested as a possible resource.

***By consensus***, the Board members agreed to remain neutral on the issue although they were opposed to the eminent domain portion of the issue.

#### *Willamette River Erosion*

President Zielinski discussed issues of erosion in the Willamette River and the resulting loss of farm ground. Wilsonville Sand and Gravel was the last known private company to dredge the river. Paul Measeles, Land Use & Water Planning Hydrologist, Oregon Department of Agriculture, discussed the causes of bank erosion, noting that multiple high-flow events have impacted bank erosion during the past 26 years since the 1989 report on *Willamette River Erosion Analysis Project*. Options include dredging (deepening the channel), diversion, horizontal drains, and back-sloping.

#### **Old Business**

##### *Driver's Education Scholarships/Educational Materials*

Laureal Williams reported that the timeframes for scholarships had been extended. Staff is hoping for a greater response to the scholarship availability after the planting and harvest seasons are completed.

##### *Tractor Safety Signs*

Laureal Williams directed the Board's attention to the tractor safety sign samples and the accompanying price list.

***By consensus***, Board members agreed to purchase \$500 worth of an assortment of the signs and gauge the response before ordering additional signs.

##### *Harvest Festival Code Update*

Next meeting is June 23. The group is still determining several factors such as where it sits in the code.

##### *Tribute to Oregon Ag - Volcanoes*

Tickets were distributed for the June 28 event.

##### *Meeting with Representative Evans – Goose Cannons*

Troy Hadley reported on the meeting with Rep. Evans regarding goose cannons.

## **New Business**

### **Legislative Update**

- **HB 2721** – Farm to School: Board members reviewed a letter from Geoff Horning, Agri-Business Council of Oregon, seeking support for HB 2721.

**MOTION**: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to forward a letter of support for HB 2721 to the Ways and Means Committee. **Motion passed.**

- **HB 3549** – Pesticide Application: Genoa Ingram reported that the bill is in Ways and Means.
- **SB 454** – Paid Sick Leave passed the Senate Floor today.

### **Other**

- Staff reported that, according to the Senate President, the legislative session may be extended another two weeks (until July 11).
- John Iverson, CCFB, has invited MCFB to a barbeque this coming Sunday at 3:30 pm with visiting New Zealand Young Farmers. Please RSVP to John (contact info in *Who's Who*).
- Brenda Frketich reported that she is working with OFB staff to improve communication and relationships with Marion County Weighmasters.

## **Advisory Committees**

No report.

## **OFBF District 15 Director's Report**

No report.

## **YF&R**

Brenda Frketich reported that no activity at the county level. The group has been working with Marion County Sheriffs to post billboards in urban areas warning drivers to slow down in farm areas. The signs will incorporate the Farm Bureau logo. At the State level, the YF&R sponsored a tour which began in Sisters and included stops in Klamath Falls, Burns, Harney County, and ended in John Day. Approximately 20 people attended.

## **Women's Report**

Connie Young reported that 2,900 dirt babies were made during Ag Fest and ten teacher bags were distributed. She thanked the Board for donations. At its June 7 WAC met to review the current budget. On June 8, the group shopped for the Bend Ronald McDonald donations.

## **Agenda Items for July**

*By consensus*, the Board agreed that there will be no meeting in July.

Matt Schuster has expressed interest in becoming a Board meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015, in Salem.

**Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.