

**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President  
Troy Hadley, Vice President  
Greg Bennett  
Kathleen Carl  
Bruce Chapin  
Roger DeJager  
Bob Dettwyler  
Brenda Frketich  
Stuart Olson  
Joe Sherman  
Dana Estensen  
Matt Schuster  
Dylan Wells

**Not Present:**

Keith Ditchen  
Connie Young

**Guests:**

Anita Kennedy  
Gail Dettwyler  
Davor Frketich

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Laureal Williams

**Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 13, 2016, meeting.

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

Staff reviewed the current financial reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Vs. Budget. Income is up slightly compared to expected budget at this time of year and expenses are down slightly as well showing a more positive overall net income than originally budgeted. The Association is approximately 1/3 of the way through the association fiscal year and are in line with the approved budget. Association tax preparation has begun and staff will continue to assist the CPA with any needs to finalize those.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the financials as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Membership Approvals**

*Elaine DeGeorge*

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Greg Bennett to approve Elaine DeGeorge as a voting member. **Motion passed.**

*Charles Carr*

Staff noted that attempts to reach Charles Carr have been unsuccessful so far.

## Old Business

### Fire Codes Update

Staff provided a brief update on the status of the fire and life safety codes being developed for harvest festival-types of events, noting that the Fire Codes Council hopes to have a working document in place within the next few months.

### 2016 Ag Tour

Committee Chair Stuart Olson provided an update on his efforts towards the tour. He has contacted Corbin regarding a bus rental; the cost would be approximately \$500 and could accommodate 47 passengers. Available dates for this bus are March 31 and April 6. Board discussed viability of those dates (April 6 conflicts with Marion Co Commissioner meeting and March 31 conflicts the Swine and Dine event). ***It was the consensus of the Board to choose April 6 for the Tour.*** The Committee will continue to work on the schedule and hopes to provide an update at the next board meeting.

### CPR Classes

Staff provided an update on the availability of English and Spanish instruction for CPR classes and reviewed a proposed budget for the classes. ***It was the consensus of the Board that MCFB voting members should receive two complimentary registrations for CPR; non-member registrations and additional registrations for members would be \$50.*** Dylan Wells mentioned that he has a resource for CPR instruction that can provide the coursework in both English and Spanish; he will forward contact information to staff.

### Membership Building

No report at this time.

### Scholarship Committee

Chair Brenda Frketich indicated that the committee met and will be modifying the scholarship forms and application process. She sought input from the board about opening up the scholarship to FFA and 4-H members. The Board suggested that one or two of the scholarships could be available for non-members, but indicated that one of the scholarships needs to be exclusively for MCFB members. The Board discussed using additional venues for advertising the scholarships, including retailers and Country Financial. Anita Kennedy offered to research the feasibility of advertising the MCFB scholarships with the current Country Financial scholarships.

### 2016 OFB Convention

President Zielinski reported having met with Dave Dillon, Dylan Wells, and Keith Ditchin recently about the 2016 OFB Convention to give Dave an opportunity to hear the perspective of first time conference attendees. During the course of the meeting, Dylan volunteered to serve on OFB's state convention committee. John noted that there is specific interest in a county tour as a convention activity for 2016. Brenda Frketich suggested that a "knowledge lounge" (45-minute presentations by individual members about their farms) could be a nice addition to the conference. John noted that Marion County Farm Bureau may be asked to develop/host a social event since the conference will be hosted in Salem. Convention dates are yet to be finalized.

## **New Business**

### **FFA/McKay Learning Garden Program**

Troy Hadley reported that he recently toured McKay High School's new FFA program; he believes that the program needs some help from the farm bureau. Anita Kennedy noted that the campus includes a welding shop, a barn, and six acres (including a filbert orchard), but the buildings have been gutted of all equipment and have not been well maintained. Both Troy and Anita referred to the program's wish list for materials and equipment as provided in the board packet. Both believe that funding can be acquired, but asked that the MCFB consider assisting with contacts. John Zielinski asked that staff invite the program's advisor to speak at the March.

### **Legislative Update**

Several Board members indicated that they have been to the Capitol recently and many have provided testimony. The Board discussed the status and progress of the minimum wage issues and its impact on the industry. The Board discussed other legislative issues impacting the agricultural community, including seed pre-emption and land use.

### **Other**

President John Zielinski reported that a town hall event will be hosted by Representative Kurt Schrader on February 17 at the Salem Library. John noted that one of Representative Schrader's staff had contacted him recently to inquire how Willamette River issue was progressing.

### **Advisory Committees**

Bob Dettwyler noted a joint meeting of the Wildlife, Livestock, and Goose Committees was held. He reported that as a result of a meeting with Oregon Farm Bureau representatives last summer, the Oregon Fish & Wildlife authority has eliminated check stations for goose hunters, but hunters will need to prove damage to crops by geese before they can be issued a hunting permit.

Bob Dettwyler also reported on the Water Committee's activities, noting a desire to be proactive rather than reactive to water quality issues.

Bruce Chapin reported on the activity of the Aggregate Committee. Although there were no legislative issues this year for the committee, it has been working with DOGAMI to start putting together guidelines to enforce a current law requiring miners to mine at appropriate depths.

Brenda Frketch reported on the Land Use Committee's activities, including discussions related to affordable housing and a permitting process related to wet lands.

President Zielinski thanked all those who were able to attend committee meetings.

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

Bruce Chapin reported that the Farm Bureau Board will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and invited any topics the Marion County Farm Bureau might want him to bring before the state board. President Zielinski suggested re-energizing the state conference. John also asked Bruce to extend appreciation for OFB's legislative staff for the good job they are doing at the capitol. ***It was the consensus of the Board to send a thank you note to the OFB legislative staff for all of their efforts this session.***

Dylan Wells reported that he has spoken with Commissioner Brentano about the Newberg bypass and the concerns that the Wilsonville Community has expressed about it.

### **YF&R**

Brenda Frketich reviewed two flyers included in the meeting packet about upcoming events of note. She also reported that YF&R met recently in LaPine to set strategy for moving the group forward. The leadership conference in Kansas City is coming up—Joe Sherman will be attending. Brenda noted that the FFA annual convention is at Oregon State this year and they are looking for judges. Brenda will forward information for those interested in being a judge to staff to send on to the Board.

### **Women's Advisory Council**

No report at this time. President Zielinski noted that members of the Women's Council were at the Legislature on opening day.

### **Agenda Items for March**

- Invite Gerald Houser, McKay FFA instructor, to attend
- Swine and Wine Update
- Report on Leadership Conference in Kansas City.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at the Court Street office in Salem.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.