

**Marion County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting – September 14, 2016  
MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President  
Kathleen Carl  
Bruce Chapin  
Bob Dettwyler  
Keith Ditchen  
Roger DeJager  
Brenda Frketich  
Matt Schuster  
Dylan Wells  
Connie Young

**Staff:**

Laureal Williams  
Genoa Ingram

**Not Present:**

Troy Hadley, Vice President  
Greg Bennett  
Dana Estensen  
Stuart Olson  
Joe Sherman

**Guests:**

Lon Young  
Mary Ann Nash  
Rep. Bill Post  
Candidate Tom Kane  
Rep. Jodi Hack  
Candidate Jim Thompson

**Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2016, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Matt Schuster and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the current financial reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, along with the draft budget for 2016-17. The Board agreed to review and act on the proposed budget at a later date.

**Membership Approvals**

None.

**President's Report**

**Marion County Invasive Weed Program** President Zielinski reported that he and Troy had met with the Marion County Public Works in charge of Weed Control District which is currently an unfilled staff position. Management is unsure of the future of that position, particularly since there were only twenty cases last year and those duties could be rolled into another department or section.

**Dean Freeborn** President Zielinski reported that Troy's father-in-law, Dean Freeborn, was at home recovering following a heart attack.

**Committee Reports:**

**OFB Convention:** Dylan Wells reported that the OFB was attempting to do a better job of structuring time blocks in an attempt to allow the program to flow smoother and encourage

non-delegates participation. Dylan reported that there was also some discussion about bringing in more evening entertainment and spreading the awards presentations throughout the week.

### **Candidate Interviews**

Board Members conducted the following candidate interviews:

- Rep. Bill Post, House District 25
- Candidate Tom Kane, House District 18
- Rep. Jodi Hack, House District 19
- Candidate Jim Thompson, House District 23

### **New Business**

Mary Ann Nash reported on the following issues:

*I Farm, I vote Campaign* OFB has implemented the *I Farm I Vote* campaign. Board members were encouraged to use signage for promotion and photographs to be posted on the website and to “like” the Facebook page.

*Paid Sick Leave Comments* The deadline for comments on the paid sick leave rulemaking is September 26. Members were encouraged to submit comments.

*Ag Overtime* Legislation relating to Ag Overtime was passed in California and there is the possibility that legislation will be introduced in the 2017 session.

*Labor Legislation* 2017 will be another big year for labor legislation, including another bill on mandatory flexible work schedules.

*No on 97 Campaign* OFB is encouraging individuals to join the “No on 97” campaign.

*PAC Golf Tournament* Scheduled for the following Tuesday in Oregon City.

*County Policy Deadline* October 3 is the deadline for counties to submit any proposed policies. The Labor Committee will have three policy proposals:

- Joint liability;
- Opposition to Paid Family Leave;
- Opposition to the BOLI requirement to track and report unpaid sick leave.

*Drainage District Policy* – Mary Anne reviewed the proposed policy brought forward by Marion Co Board to address the drainage district issues. (EXHIBIT A)

**MOTION:** Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Brenda Frketich to approve the resolution for submission to OFB. **Motion passed.**

Board members discussed possible additional concepts for resolutions including 1) an opt-out to the requirement to run a well every five years in order to preserve water rights; and 2) exemption from the prohibition of truck traffic for non-commercial farm trucks.

### **Old Business**

*MCFB Annual Meeting* Staff reported that Tom Swearingen had agreed to provide entertainment for the Annual Meeting but was only available November 15 or 16, which would rule out all of the venues under consideration with the exception of the Oregon Gardens.

***By consensus***, the Board agreed to hold the Annual Meeting at Oregon Gardens on Tuesday, November 15.

### **Advisory Committees**

No report.

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

Bruce Chapin reported that the aerial anti spraying activists are changing tactics to focus more at the county level. He asked to be informed of any groups active in the Marion County area. In the matter of mandatory paid sick leave, there is no family exemption unless it is a sole proprietorship. A legislative compromise for water quality testing for rental homes with wells is expected in the near future. Currently there are three required tests for chloroform, arsenic, and nitrates. Bayer has agreed on a purchase price to buy out Monsanto. OFB has sold the property on South Commercial to Fred Meyer. OFB has endorsed Bud Pierce for Governor.

### **YF&R**

Brenda Frketich reported that the Leadership Conference would again be held in conjunction with the OFB Convention. Details will be forthcoming. At the county level, John Iverson will hold an event in November to provide an update on the November election and the impact on business community.

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

No report.

### **Candidate Endorsements**

Board members discussed the various candidate interviews and, by motions duly made, seconded and approved, the following endorsements were made:

- Sherri Sprenger (R), Incumbent Candidate for House District 17
- Vic Gilliam (R), Incumbent Candidate for House District 18
- Jodi Hack (R), Incumbent Candidate for House District 19
- Laura Morre (R), Candidate for House District 20
- Patti Milne (R), Candidate for House District 22
- Bill Post (R), Incumbent Candidate for House District 25

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 at the Court Street office in Salem.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.