**Marion County Farm Bureau**

**Board of Directors Meeting – January 16, 2013**

**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President

Troy Hadley, Vice President

Brenda Kirsch

Bruce Chapin

Greg Bennett

Roger Dejager

Bob Dettwyler

Kathleen Carl

Joe Sherman

Dan Goffin

**Not Present**:

Connie Young

Jeff Butsch

Scott Miller

Dan Heibel – OFB

**Guests**:

Austin Chapin – OFB YF&R

**Staff**:

Jessica Carpenter

Mike McLaran

Genoa Ingram

**Binder Materials**

Staff reviewed the contents of the member notebooks.

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2012 minutes.

**MOTION**: Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded Bob Dettwyler to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2012 minutes as corrected to reflect “Jeff” Butsch. **Motion passed**.

**Financials**

Staff reviewed the Balance Sheet ending December 31, 2012 and noted that the Quickbooks Chart of Accounts would be updated to reflect budget line items.

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

**Budget**

Staff reviewed the proposed budget for 2013.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Dan Goffin to approve the budget as presented.

**MOTION TO AMEND**: Moved by Brenda Kirsch and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the budget with an amendment to include $2,000 for public relations and advertising, $8000 in a contingency funding and any excess would be invested in one of the existing money market accounts. **Motion passed as amended**.

**February Agenda Items**

President Zielinski listed that following agenda items for the February 20 meeting, noting that he will be traveling from Washington, D.C. that day and would not be present. He asked Vice President Troy Hadley to preside. Proposed agenda items included:

1. Joel Blount, Keudell/Morrison. Pending transfer of MCFB funds from Morgan/Stanley to Keudell /Morrison, the Board would like an update on the account. It was noted that Dan Goffin and others would need to sign off on the transfer.
2. Scholarship Promotion (both to students and teachers who attend the Summer Ag Institute).

**New Business**

*Sen. Merkley Town Hall* President Zielinski reported that he and Dan Goffin had attended the Town Hall meeting in Keizer. They were not selected to present questions but were able to talk with Sen. Merkley and his staff following the meeting.

*Port of Portland* Dan Goffin discussed the labor issues between the Port of Portland and

long-shoremen, noting that half of U.S. grain is shipped through the Port. He warned that any interruption in transport services would be extremely detrimental.

**Public Policy Update**

Mike McLaran reported on the following issues:

* *Marion Co Resolution* Marion County Commissioners were praised for their attempt to elevate agriculture. A copy of their Resolution was included in the Board meeting materials. Discussed among Board Members that this is not a new law but just a sign of support however it is very vague and potentially covered many new land use potential that may not necessarily fall in members idea of Farm Land Use.
* *Key Legislative Dates* A calendar of key legislative dates and deadlines were included in the Board meeting materials.
* *Mayor’s Task Force* Mayor Anna Peterson is considering investing in business “incubator” where members can receive advice on innovations relating to agriculture.
* *SEDCOR* Mike suggested that Chad Freeman, President of SEDCOR, be invited to the February meeting to establish a relationship between SEDCOR and MCFB.
* *Cascade Crossing* PGE has altered its plan and will use BPA’s existing lines. There will be no change to the current grid within Marion County.
* *Canola Bills SB 433 and HB 2427* Two bills prohibiting growing canola have been introduced by the legislature. SB 433 prohibits raising canola in Oregon and HB 2427 prohibits raising canola in the Willamette Valley. Both bills would carry civil penalties not to exceed $25,000.

Board members discussed sending MCFB’s original position and recommendation to OFB. Board members also discussed protocol during the legislative session regarding testimony on any proposed legislation. President Zielinski emphasized that any citizen could testify on their own behalf, so long as they do not state that they represent MCFB and clarify that they are speaking on their personal behalf.

**Newsletter**

Staff indicated that the newsletter would be published every other month and asked Board members to forward any articles.

**CPR Classes**

Staff reported that the American Red Cross had been contacted for instructors following no response to efforts to contact the original instructor. February/March and early April are the targeted class times. Two courses, one in Brooks and one in Jefferson, plus an additional course in Spanish are planned. Depending on need, an additional Brooks’s class will be considered. Staff agreed to make another attempt to contact Millan, previous class instructor in 2011; he received very good reviews and was more economical than American Red Cross Instructors. Troy Hadley suggesting contacting Wilco and encouraged staff to schedule in early spring to assist with farm schedules. Board members discussed the costs to participate.

**MOTION**: Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded Troy Hadley to offer two free registrations to each MCFB voting member with additional registrations to be offered at actual cost. **Motion passed**.

**Ag Banquet**

President Zielinski noted that the Banquet was scheduled for Friday, January 25, at the Salem Conference Center. Those who planned to attend were asked to make their intentions known to staff.

**Request for Donation**

Staff noted a request from Leanna Chapin for a donation to McNary’s Athletic Booster Club. Board members agreed to donate a Pendleton blanket. Blanket and donation letter were given to Austin Chapin to deliver to his wife Leanna Chapin for the event.

**OFB Advisory Committees**

It was noted that January 31 is Committee day.

**Committee Reports**

*Tractor Safety* Troy Hadley reported that there would not be a course this spring, but definitely by end of year.

*Financial Review* Bob Dettwyler reported intentions to move forward.

*Energy Conservation* President Zielinski instructed staff to delete from future agendas.

*Membership* As requested during the December meeting, a list of unpaid members in the Board binders. There was also a request to include list of current members for comparison purposes. President Zielinski encouraged the Membership Committee to meet soon and develop a plan to present at the next Board meeting.

**OFB District 15 Director’s Report**

Bruce Chapin reported on the following:

* *OFB PAC* The PAC recently met via telephone conference and agreed to award $1,000 contributions to House Speaker Tina Kotek, Representatives Mike McLane, Ben Unger and Brian Clem, and Senators Betsey Johnson, Arnie Roblan, and Ted Ferrioli.
* *Calendar* The AFB Board is currently meeting in Nashville; Committee Day is January 31 (Governmental Affairs and Ag Production/Transportation will meet in the morning; Natural Resources and Water will meet in the afternoon. A new committee has been created for Agri-tourism and Farm Direct Marketing, to be chaired by President Zielinski. A legislative meeting sponsored by the Women’s Committee is scheduled for February 4. February 27 and 28 is the OFB Board meeting. March 15 is the deadline for scholarship. March 19 is Natural Resources Day at the Capitol.
* *Lobby Assignments* Due to staff changes, the lobby assignments are as follows:

**Katie Fast**

 Land Use Committee

 Aggregate Committee

 Tax Committee

 Water Committee

 Goose Depredation

**Mike Freese**

 Regulatory Issues

 Fill and Removal Committee

 Livestock Committee

 **Ian Tolleson**

 Natural Resources

 Labor

 Public Policy and PAC Operational Items

Bruce also reported that an agriculture economist at OSU was conducting a study of future needs for water use and crop rotation patterns on dry-land farming. Troy Hadley agreed to assist with a response.

**YF&R**

Brenda Kirsch reported that three representatives from Ferrero Rocher Chocolates will be visiting Oregon and would like a chance to talk to young farmers about opportunities with hazelnuts, where the markets are headed and what can be expected in the future. The meeting is set for January 29, 5:00 p.m. at the Salem Conference Center and is being sponsored by George Packing.

The National Leadership Conference for YF&R will be in February in Phoenix. Oregon has three new people who will be attending the event and there will be a total of 8-9 attendees from Oregon. Brenda Kirsch will be attending.

YF&R is also considering tour of John Deere Combine plant and is talking with Pape Machinery regarding possible sponsorship for the trip.

**Women’s Advisory Council**

No report.

**Other Business**

Joe Hobson’s Father had passed and the family had suggested donations to Willamette Lutheran Foundation in lieu of flowers.

**MOTION**: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Dan Goffin to contribute $50.00 to the Foundation. **Motion passed**.

Staff was also asked to send a card on behalf of MCFB to Ryan Bishop, a farmer who was also a long-time volunteer with Aumsville Fire who suffered from a brain aneurism recently.

**Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.