

**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – December 17, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Board Members Present**

John Zielinski, President  
Greg Bennett  
Kathleen Carl  
Connie Young  
Troy Hadley  
Roger DeJager  
Brenda Frketich  
Bob Dettwyler  
Jeff Butsch

**Guests:**

Jessie DeJager  
Judy Bennett  
Lon Young  
Linda Butsch  
Gail Dettwyler  
Jeanne Zielinski

**OFB Staff:**

N/A

**Not Present:**

Dan Goffin  
Joe Sherman  
Bruce Chapin  
Stuart Olson  
Keith Ditchen

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Genoa Ingram  
Laureal Williams

**Welcome:**

President Zielinski welcomed the group, had guests introduced, thanked board and spouses for the commitment that it takes from each family to be on the board and support a board member.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the November 12, 2014, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financials:** Staff reviewed the financial documents.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Roger DeJager to approved the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Membership Approval:**

No memberships to approve.

**Recap of State Convention:**

President Zielinski asked for recaps from those that attended the OFB Convention at Salishan last week:

- Bob Dettwyler praised the effective House of Delegate meetings, well organized convention. Stayed on topic and covered the topics well. Nice banquet.

- Connie Young was proud of the representation of MCFB with the silent and oral auction donations plus the apron. WAC was successful and will have healthy donation for Ronald McDonald House and funds to organize AgFest. Country store donations were exceptional and income was approximately \$7000.00 for all fundraising. Connie thanked Jessie Dejager for her help at convention.
- Troy Hadley shared the process of the resolution that he submitted which required some re-writes and work but was completed. Tracy retired as 1<sup>st</sup> VP of OFB. Three MCFB members were awarded service to ag awards, Brenda, Mac and Molly.
- John Zielinski read speak that Barry Bushue gave during OFB Convnetion and presented the award to Brenda Frketich who was not able to be present at the banquet.
- Brenda Frketich shared about Secretary of Agriculture from Ireland and the discussion about value added and the goals they are setting and meeting. They are the 5<sup>th</sup> largest beef exporter in the world. YFR dinner went well, included videos to introduce members and were well received.

Expenditure Request:

SAIF Corporation AgriBusiness – Board discussed the upcoming banquet and President Zielinski asked board members to RSVP to staff if they want to attend.

OSU Tractor Safety – President Zielinski shared material that MCFB has been approached about supporting with printing costs for Tractor Safety. Board reviewed, discussed some questions and would like more information before making a presentation. John will reach out and see if Dr. White is interested in providing a presentation and answering questions.

GMO Forum – President Zielinski was approached by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Peggy Brown about coordinating a forum on January 20 to have speaker that OFB will be flying present and answer questions. The idea would be to coordinate a forum with appetizers and share the cost among 2-4 counties. Board discussed and thought that it is a good idea, suggested earlier timeframe with appertizers at the OFB building and working to keep our cost under \$500.00. By consensus the board agreed to move forward on the GMO Forum.

**Staff To Do**

- Check on postage
- Book OFB space
- Order food
- Invite legislators, commissioners and mayor
- Move MCFB meeting to Jan. 20 following the GMO forum – order dinner and book smaller space for board meeting after forum
- Get current list of members paid/non paid for community meeting purpose
- Email Annemarie for membership packets to have at community events and in our office – ask Brenda what we need to give Annemarie

Community Meetings – Aumsville is scheduled on Jan. 7 for breakfast meeting at 7am. St Paul is scheduled for Wednesday Jan. 22. John is awaiting word from Bruce/Greg for Keizer area and Roger for Jefferson area. Bob Dettwylr suggested another meeting in the Silverton/Mt Angel area to reach more members, John and Bob will work on a date/location for this area. When details are confirmed board will have staff send e-blast and put on Facebook page.

Board – President Zielinski shared that staff received notice that Dan Goffin is stepping down from the board. President Zielinski asked the board to consider an appropriate way to thank Dan for his many years

of service and contributions to MCFB, both as a Past President and board member. Short discussion about future steps to find a new board member to fill this position.

President Zielinski thanked Jeff Butsch for his time on the board.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.