

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – May 21, 2014
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present

John Zielinski, President
Greg Bennett
Jeff Butsch
Kathleen Carl
Bruce Chapin
Roger DeJager
Troy Hadley
Scott Miller
Connie Young

Not Present:

Bob Dettwyler
Brenda Frketch
Joe Sherman

OFB Staff:

N/A

Staff:

Laureal Williams
Genoa Ingram

Guests:

Derek Godwin, OSU Extension Service

John introduced Micki Killingsworth (member of the OFB Board of Directors) from Jefferson County.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2014, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded by Troy Hadley to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financials: Staff reviewed the financial report, reporting little change from the April report. The farm tour was a “break even” event with regard to the refreshments; final cost for the tour bus was \$1,155, just under the estimated \$1,200 cost.

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Bruce Chapin to approve the financial reports dated May 19, 2014, as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Speaker

Micki Killingsworth, OFB Board Member Micki thanked the group for the donation to Ag Fest and noted that the first \$900 helped to fund educational materials distributed at Ag Fest. 3,000 dirt babies had been assembled in two days during the event. Micki entertained questions from the board related to Ag Fest attendance, budget, and educational materials.

Guest Speaker

Derek Godwin, OSU Extension Service Derek reported on efforts to create an extension service district in Marion County. He clarified that he was representing Citizens for Marion County Extension in their efforts to collect signatures for the perspective petition. Cara Fischer, Jim Bernau and Bob Zielinski are the chief petitioners and 15,000 valid signatures are needed. The assessment will be 5 cents per \$1,000 to fund the new district. He asked the Board to send out a letter of support of the petition inviting voters to sign the petition. There will also be multiple drop sites for collecting the petitions and suggested that the MCFB office be included as a drop-off site. John suggested that the requests be placed on the June agenda to give Board members time to discuss, ask questions and reach a decision at the June meeting. Initial responses from Board members were positive.

Membership Approvals:

There were no new membership requests but the Board reviewed feedback from OFB regarding Henry Lewis explaining that while his address was in Bend, he had taken over management of a farm in Marion County.

By consensus, the Board agreed to leave Mr. Lewis as a supporting member unless otherwise requested.

Old Business:

Candidate Questionnaire: The Board reviewed and made modifications to the draft Candidate Questionnaire (EXHIBIT A) and identified the following candidates for the interview process:

House District 19:	Dalton/Hack
House District 20:	Gross/Evans
House District 22:	Komp/Geiger
House District 23:	Nearman/Davis
House District 25:	Post/Lee
Senate District 11:	Courtney/Milne
Senate District 13:	Howard/Thatcher
Senate District 20:	Olsen/Damon

Staff will work with John to finalize the questionnaire and schedule candidates at the June and July meetings.

New Business:

Scholarship Criteria: Board members reviewed the recent changes to criteria that broadens the eligibility for scholarship applications to include out-of-state and non-agricultural studies. No changes were made.

Membership Drive

No report.

OFB Advisory Committees:

No reports.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report

Bruce Chapin reported State Board had met earlier in the day and will continue the meeting the following day. He reported on an aerial application issue in Curry County that drew complaints from neighbors. ODA's investigation was based on misinformation and the bottom line will be that fines will increase from the current levels which were established in 1970.

Gail Green had also reported that a bill passed the House that would increase the exemption from 1,320 per gallon storage to 6,000 petroleum storage. There was also discussion regarding Jackson County's GMO ballot proposal which passed by a vote of 2-1, despite OFB efforts. Josephine County and Benton County proposal also passed but is not exempt from State regulations. It is expected that the two latter counties may challenge State law. Gail had also requested that Boards complete the questionnaire that was forwarded via email regarding petroleum storage capacity.

The OFB Board also had discussed the hot goods issue. The Freedom of Information suit had been settled in favor of the Farm Bureau which had won a \$30,000 settlement. A hearing was scheduled earlier this week and DOL has requested a time extension to determine if they want to appeal.

YFR – Troy Hadley

Troy Hadley provided a written report. (EXHIBIT B)

Women’s Advisory Council – Connie Young

Connie noted that Micki had already provided the report. Connie reported that she had located the MCFB banner following Ag Fest. She discussed the possibility of creating a new one, with the help of Jessie DeJager. She proposed a hand stitched banner depicting all Marion County commodities.

May Agenda Items

Candidate Interviews

Marion County Extension campaign efforts

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned 8:38 p.m.