

**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – November 12, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present: subcommittee to recommend actions for ratification by the Board:

**Board Members Present**

John Zielinski, President  
Greg Bennett  
Kathleen Carl  
Connie Young  
Troy Hadley  
Bruce Chapin  
Roger DeJager  
Brenda Frketich  
Dan Goffin  
Joe Sherman

**Guests:**

Page Schuster  
Matt Schuster  
Lon Young

**OFB Staff:**

N/A

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Genoa Ingram

**Not Present:**

Bob Dettwyler  
Jeff Butsch

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 17, 2014, meeting and the October 8, 2014, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Greg Bennett to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Connie Young and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financials:** Staff reviewed the financial documents, recapping the fiscal year and noting a positive balance even though a negative balance had been anticipated. Officer travel, leadership training and YF&R expenses were down from previous years.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Greg Benett to approved the financial reports dated September 17, 2014, as presented. **Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Greg Benett to approved the financial reports dated October 8, 2014, as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Membership Approval:**

Board Members reviewed a membership application submitted by Rolf and Jennifer Suthevs.

**MOTION:** Moved by Roger Dejager and seconded by Connie Young to approve the Suthevs' membership application. **Motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

Update on Marion County Extension and 4-H District: Staff reported that the Marion County Commissioners had met earlier in the day and approved a motion to place the formation of a Marion County Extension and 4-H District on the May 2015 ballot. The Commissioners will approve a ballot title the following week.

MCFB Annual Meeting: Jessica Carpenter reported that arrangements were finalized for the Annual Meeting the following evening in Keizer. The guest speaker had been confirmed at no charge, based on the purchase of 43 of his books which would be gifted to attendees. Door prizes had also been obtained. President Zielinski announced that Stuart Olson had agreed to honor Scott Miller by completing his term.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Greg Bennett to appoint Stuart Olson to complete the remainder of Scott Miller's term. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Budget: Jessica Carpenter reviewed the draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 based on previous years' expenditures and income.

Trust for Public Lands Board members discussed Doug Krahmer's request for funding for the Trust for Public Lands study. Members again discussed whether it was more appropriate for the study to be funded at the statewide level. No other counties have contributed to date. It was also noted that Marion County is the highest producing county and had more at stake. It was also noted that access to the statistics would be helpful in future testimony regarding land use.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Bruce Chapin to allocate in the budget an amount of \$2,500 and contribute that amount to the Trust for Public Lands study. **Motion passed.**

Tribute to Scott Miller Board members discussed ways to honor the service of former Board member Scott Miller to the Marion County Farm Bureau following his death in a tractor/vehicle accident. Ideas included an education program on road safety, perhaps in the youth driver education venue.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded by Troy Hadley to honor the life and service of Scott Miller by funding five \$100 scholarships annually for youth driver education, plus a one-time \$1,000 for education outreach, and to amend the Mary Petzel scholarship amount to \$2,000 and create a new \$1,000 scholarship in the name of Scott Miller. **Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Kathleen to approve the 2014-15 budget as presented with the addition of the two items approved above. **Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

Annual Holiday Potluck: ***By consensus,*** Board members agreed to hold the Annual Potluck on December 17 at the new Oregon Farm Bureau building on the corner of Capital and Gaines streets in Salem.

OFB Convention Registration: Board members discussed whether the MCFB should fund any Board member who wished to attend the OFB Convention, whether or not the Board member was a delegate.

**MOTION:** Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Kathleen Carl to cover the costs of any Board member who wished to attend, including registration, lodging and meals; spouse/guest meals would not be covered. **Motion passed.**

### Who's Who

Board members reviewed the Who's Who entries for Marion County and provided a list of changes for staff to convey to OFB.

### **MCFB Membership Drive:**

Promotional Material Promotional membership materials developed by the Oregon Farm Bureau were distributed to Board members. President Zielinski announced that there will likely be some changes to the final version.

Community Meetings President Zeilinski suggested holding the first meetings in the Jefferson area, St. Paul and Sublimity/Silverton Hills. The following Board members will assist with planning and logistics:

Roger Dejager – Jefferson area

Brenda Frketich – St. Paul

Troy Hadley/Joe Sherman/Dan Goffin – Sublimity/Silverton Hills area

Greg Bennet – Keizer

Bruce Chapin – Central

### **OFB Advisory Committees:**

Troy Hadley reported that the Ag Production/Transportation Committee had met with Oregon Department of Agriculture staff Lisa Hanson last Friday to review the Department's legislative agenda. Proposals include primarily housekeeping bills to clean up statutes relating to the department. Statutory fees and licenses will be considered (such as pesticide registration fees) as well as transportation issues/hazmat. Resolutions relating to encouraging making the misuse of slow-moving vehicles signs a Class C violation, linking insurance policies to vehicles rather than drivers, expansion of the bottle bill to include all beverage bottles and increasing deposits from 5 cents to 10 cents, and prohibiting public entities from planting any invasive species were all considered.

### **Guest Speakers**

Estate Tax Update Kevin Mannix provided an overview and update on efforts to eliminate the estate tax. He reported that there would be a ballot measure in 2016 relating to family gifts. He asked for contributions to Common Sense for Oregon, a 501(c)(4), for start-up funds to further the effort to pass Initiative Petition 2016-007. He noted that proponents were mounting a challenge to the ballot title since the Attorney General had referenced estates worth \$1 million.

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

No report. Board members discussed recent changes in the government relations staff.

**YF&R Report:** Brenda Frketich reported that at the county level there had been a good turnout for a pizza party event from Marion and Clackamas Counties with 30 attendees, mostly newcomers. A second event is scheduled for November 18 at the OFB office regarding trespass issues, metal fees and the rights of farmers and landowners. A tour is also planned for a grow light operation. At the state level a Leadership Conference is being planned prior to the OFB Annual Meeting in Salishan. The American Farm Bureau YF&R Convention will be held in Nashville. The goal is to encourage first time attendees and funding assistance will be available to them. Brenda noted that 2015 will be the first year that Chair Jason Flowers will serve on the national committee.

**Womens' Advisory Council:** Connie Young reported that the Womens' Advisory Council met on Sunday, November 3, to work on the commodity bags. Aprons for the President to wear at WAC dinner will be auctioned off during dinner. Connie asked for additional items to be included in the baskets. Brenda

reported that the St. Paul Rodeo Association will donate four tickets for a non-prime night. Bruce Chapin suggested contacting the Nutgrowers Society. Connie will work with staff to secure additional items.

**December Agenda Items:**

- Community Meetings
- Convention Report

**Good of the Order**

Troy Hadley thanked attendees to the election night party and requested reimbursement for a portion of the costs.

*By consensus*, the Board agreed to reimburse Troy Hadley \$100 for the election night party.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.