

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

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present

John Zielinski, President
Kathleen Carl
Bruce Chapin
Roger DeJager
Bob Dettwyler
Dan Goffin
Connie Young
Scott Miller
Troy Hadley
Brenda Frketich

Not Present:

Greg Bennett
Jeff Butsch
Joe Sherman

Guests:

Lon Young
Derrick Godwin, Citizens for Marion County Extension
Rebecca Tweed, No on 92 Campaign
Terry Riley, Marion County Fire District #1
Lana Riley
Hoot Frketich

OFB Staff:

Katie Fast

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Board members reviewed the minutes of the July 16, 2014, meeting. Kathleen noted that the minutes should reflect that the Woodburn issue went to the Court of Appeals, not the Supreme Court. The Court of appeals did not approve the boundary.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Dan Goffin to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting as amended. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2014, meeting (conducted via conference call).

MOTION: Moved by Dan and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the August 18 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financials: Board Members reviewed the financial statements.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded by Connie Young to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Speakers

Derrick Godwin, Citizens for Marion County Extension, provided an update. Commissioners have signed an order of initiation, two hearings will follow (October 1 and another to be determined). The benefit of holding these hearings and seeking approval through this process is that it saves a lot of money for not needing to hold an election (including the signature gathering process). John asked Derrick to find out if a letter of support would be appropriate for the hearing. Troy indicated that he would be willing to attend the October 1 hearing if needed.

Rebecca Tweed speaking on behalf of Ben Buchholz, Buchholz Farms, regarding the “No on 92” campaign. She provided a summary of why she believes the measure is unnecessary. She noted current federal standards that do indicate if something is organic and what is non-GMO. She indicated that the Oregon measure doesn’t do as much as the federal standards in many cases. She also identified those categories of foods (meat, dairy, restaurant food, etc.) that won’t be subject to the Oregon measure. She noted that the labeling will generate an annual increase of approximately \$600 in food costs for a family of four. Rebecca concluded by identifying other entities (including Oregon Farm Bureau) that have taken a position against the measure. She asked that the MCFB consider taking a position against the measure as well. Rebecca answered several questions from the Board members about the measure and the campaigns supporting and opposing it.

Doug Krahmer, Berries NW LLC, was unable to attend the meeting. President Zielinski noted that Doug is asking for money for Trust for Public Lands. It was the consensus of the Board to table discussion until Doug can attend and make a presentation.

Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau, provided an update on activities and staffing at the OFB. The office will officially be moving to its new location at Capital and Gaines on October 6. Katie invited MCFB to take advantage of the new office’s meeting space whenever it might be needed. She also provided an update on MCFB members; we are currently at 592—we need 27 more members by October 15 to meet the goal. She provided updates on court cases and upcoming potential legislative issues (especially pesticides).

Membership Approvals:

The Board reviewed the following membership applications:

Robert and Ann Van Klarveren, Van’s Nursery (voting membership)
Rick and Barb Bauman, Bauman’s Farm & Garden (voting membership)
Gregg and Linda Weisz, Flying W Ranch (voting membership)
Debra Blum and Brian Tong, Eden Bluff (requesting supporting membership)
Jim Ryan (Young Farmer membership)

MOTION: Dan Goffin moved and Troy Hadley seconded approval for all of the membership applications as provided. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Update on Fall Festival Fire Code Regulations: President Zielinski provided a brief summary of progress on the development of fire code regulations for fall festivals. He noted that one of the primary issues is related to hay bales and straw used for decorative purposes inside of structures. Assistant Chief Terry Riley, Marion County Fire District #1, provided an overview of the process to date. With regard to the noted issue of hay bales and straw, Terry said that a recent determination indicates that a tent with an occupancy of 40 or less can have rows of untreated hay bales. Terry emphasized that MCFD1 would like to waive the occupancy permit requirement for fall festivals inside the district’s boundaries. He will be presenting the request for that waiver to the MCFD1 Board at its next meeting. He indicated that they would not actively be inspecting fall festivals this year but would welcome any invitation to visit. John asked if the Fire Codes Council could postpone action on these regulations until after October (when more festival operators would be available to participate in the process). Terry offered to make that request formally.

MCFB Annual Meeting: Staff reviewed the specifics for the Annual Meeting. The Board discussed options for entertainment and/or keynote speaker. Staff was asked to extend an invitation to Rep. Vic Gilliam to speak.

Future Meeting Dates: Board members discussed moving the regularly scheduled meeting dates. After some discussion it was decided that effective October 2014, the Board would meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

New Business:

2014 OFB State Convention: The Board discussed attendance at the 2014 OFB Convention. Dan Goffin, Troy Hadley, and Bob Dettwyler were appointed to serve as Delegates. Brenda Frketich and Connie Young will serve as Alternates.

AFBF Convention:

President Zielinski announced that the AFBF Convention would be held the second week of February in San Diego. He noted that MCFB staff planned to attend.

Resolutions:

The deadline for submission of Resolutions to OFB is October 15.

2015 Proposed Budget:

The Board reviewed a draft budget as provided in the Board meeting materials. Staff reviewed proposed increases in line items relating to scholarships and events to include additional scholarship funds and future events such as the Ag Tour that was held earlier in the year. There was also interest in determining if OFB would be bringing the State Conference back to Salem in the coming year, which would provide an opportunity for MCFB to host an educational or social event. The Board discussed future investments aimed at energizing leadership such as sponsoring leadership development courses or hosting a legislative reception. CPR and first aid courses were also options. Further discussion and action on the budget were deferred to the next Board meeting.

MCFB Membership Drive:

Board members discussed dues amounts and how dues for Young Farmers and Ranchers are assessed. President Zielinski announced that plans to schedule some informal meetings throughout Marion County during the months of December to March to meet with potential members and hear their issues and concerns. Dan Goffin reported that the Cascade Foothills Growers Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at Neufeld's Restaurant.

OFB Advisory Committees:

Labor Committee President Zielinski chairs the Committee and reported that the group is currently working on Resolutions.

Land Use Dan Goffin reported that the Committee is working on legislation pertaining to working lands. He noted that a committee has been formed to study farm land inventory.

Kathleen Carl provided an update on the Woodburn UGB, reporting that there was an attempt to bring opposing parties together to determine if there was interest in mediation. Kathleen will represent MCFB and asked that one other Board member also participate.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report:

No report.

YF&R Report:

Brenda Frketich reported that the YF&R was gearing up for activities following harvest. She added that Marion County usually pairs with Clackamas County Farm Bureau for an October event. At state level,

YF&R will hold a Leadership Conference at Salishan before the Annual Meeting. The next Leadership Conference will be held in Nashville

Women's Advisory Council:

Connie Young reported that the main focus for WAC is the State Convention. The Council is seeking approximately 180 products for the commodity bags. Ten items from each county are donated to the country store to benefit the Summer Ag Institute. Connie asked permission to have a staff person accompany her on a shopping trip for the country store items; President Zielinski approved her request. Additional Marion County gift ideas for the Convention included tickets to the St Paul Rodeo and gifts from Honeywood Winery.

Board Action on Measure 92

MOTION: Moved by Dan Goffin and seconded by Connie Young to oppose Measure 92 relating to GMO labelling. **Motion passed.**

October Agenda Items:

MCFB Budget

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.