



Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: August 8, 2018 – 6:30pm

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Board Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anne Krahmer	X	X	X	X	-	X		-				
Bruce Chapin	X	-	X	X	X	X		-				
Dana Estensen	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Dylan Wells	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Greg Bennett	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Jessie DeJager		-	X	-	-	-		X				
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	-	X		X				
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Kathleen Carl	X	X	X	X	-	X		-				
Keith Ditchen	X	X	X	-	-	X		-				
Lisa Stone	X	X	X	X	-	X		-				
Matt Schuster	X	X	-	X	X	-		X				
Roger DeJager	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Stuart Olson	X	X	-	X	-	X		-				

Staff:

Jill Ingalls
Caitlin Koenig

Guests:

Shelaswau Crier
Dan Wren
Kevin Cameron
Raymond Penney
Alvin Klaussen
Jonathon Sandau
Kevin Mattix

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by President Dylan Wells

Introductions

Special Guests:

Each guest introduced themselves to the board and provided their background. They were each given 5 minutes to present to the board and 5 minutes to answer questions. Guests that received an endorsement have demonstrated actions that align with the mission and goals of the Marion County Farm Bureau and support the agriculture industry in Marion County.

Shelaswau Crier, Candidate for Marion County Commissioner

Kevin Mannix, Oregon Port of Willamette – Mid-Willamette Intermodal Facility

Kevin Cameron, Candidate for Marion County Commissioner

Dan Wren, Candidate for Marion County Circuit Court Judge

Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Roger DeJager to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting as presented. **Motion passed**

Caitlin Koenig presented the Financial Report as attached herein.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Dana Estensen to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Membership Approvals:

Shonda Warner – Voting

As a consensus, the board would like more information on where in Marion County Shonda Warner is farming and completed contact info before they will make a decision regarding membership type.

Old Business:

Willamette Country Music Festival

The Marion County Commissioners denied the conditional use and noise permit for the Jefferson site. Dylan just found out today the Willamette Country Music Festival submitted an application for a permit in Harrisburg and maybe Deschutes county, but he is not sure about the latter.

Website

No new info. Waiting until after busy season to tackle that.

Solar Farming Work Group

The first meeting was attended by Dylan Wells, John Zielinski and Bruce Chapin. Dylan reported the first meeting was mainly introductions or a meet and greet. A lot of ag represented in the work group as well as solar installation company and power company representatives and county planners. The mission of the work group is to put forth code on how to proceed with solar siding so the board of commissioners can make a vote.

There was a question about why it can't all be placed in Eastern Oregon. The response was that State law says power districts cannot put plants outside their district. The group pointed out that PGE pulls power from Bonneville which is out side their district. The response was that they would look into that.

ODA considers Marion County to be the county to look at for decision for moving their code statewide. Second meeting heard from solar providers.

The second meeting was mainly solar providers presenting their stance. The providers say the impact is minimal and not taking too much land. John suggested that the claim of 1% is not considering the other pressures that face farm land (ie housing, industrial, etc). There is another meeting coming up and John expects the Ag community will be presenting at this one.

Greg Bennett asked what the response has been from the public. Dylan said the meetings haven't been addressing public concern. John said it sounds like the public is pretty split on the issue. Joe Ruef pointed out that there have been quite a few solicitors out and about and there is a lot of pressure on the aging farmers to be able to get rent for land they are not currently working. Dylan recognized that is an issue with a lot of farm land currently – there is the land owner mind set and the renter mindset that needs to be taken into consideration.

President's Report

Marion County Fair went off great other than the heat! Dylan said kids were happy with the tshirt sponsorship and received a lot of positive feedback. Dylan felt this was a great way to promote the Farm Bureau with the upcoming generation and was a great use of funds. There were a record number of kids and animals this year. Over \$600,000 at auction. Dylan pointed out the banner for the farm bureau has the old logo and would like to have it updated before the annual meeting.

Dylan told the board that Troy Hadley's mother, Jean Anne Hadley, has passed. John suggested that the farm bureau send flowers. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for a donation to a scholarship program via the Silverton First Christian Church in her honor.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Dana Estensen to donate \$100 to the Silverton First Christian Church Scholarship Fund in honor of Troy Hadley's mother, Jean Anne Hadley. **Motion Passed**

New Business

Wasco County and Sherman County Fire Relief:

Dylan expressed that Stuart Olson called him to ask that the board donate to the fire relief fund to help farmers in Wasco and Sherman Counties. Stuart was not able to attend the meeting due to an earlier meeting running late – As a result Dylan presented it to the board for a vote. John Zielinski pointed out the money would go to the Oregon Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund where they would distribute the money to farmers in need. John Zielinski feels this is the most beneficial way to aid in the relief as opposed to trying to “reinvent the wheel that hasn't been invented yet.” Matt Schuester asked if the farmers have asked for aid. John Zielinski said no, there hasn't been a formal ask, but feels it's important for farm bureaus to show support during such a difficult time. John asked where the discretionary funds are in the budget. Dylan pointed out the money allocated for the DC trip likely won't be used this year.

MOTION: Roger moved and Greg seconded to donate \$1000 to the Oregon Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund.
Motion passed

State Annual Meeting Reception

The OFB asked if the MCFB would be hosting a reception at this year's annual meeting as they have in the past. Dylan said he would bring it before the board. In the past, the MCFB hosted a reception with appetizers, drink tickets, and short presentations from various ag producers from around the county. John mentioned that they might want to reach out to some of the more cutting edge producers in the area now – maybe hemp or cannabis producers? John also pointed out that this may be the last time the State Annual Meeting would be held in Salem for a while.

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Greg Bennett seconded that the MCFB dedicate \$2000 for the possible expenditure at the Oregon Farm Bureau Annual meeting to represent the Marion County Farm Bureau at the annual convention from the delegate fund. Representation clarified as representing both the reception and hospitality room. **Motion passed.**

Helicopter Golf Ball Drop

Dylan made the board aware of the golf ball drop. John pointed out that it is a fundraiser to support Ag Link.

Online Sign up

Dylan made the board aware that you are now able to sign up new members online streamlining the process.

Agro Awards

Dylan stated that nominations for Agro Awards are due August 31. John is wondering if there is a positive result from the Agro Awards? Or is it just a feel good thing? Does it bring value to what the board is doing? John is concerned that this may not be a great use of time. Dana Estensen discovered the nomination process was tedious especially during harvest season. Dana thinks it is a nice thing to have compiled and important to be able to look at the year in review and use that info to focus your mission for the next year. Dylan is open to seeing if someone from the board would like to step up and do it. Greg Bennett asked if the board would like to see a qr code being used? And then have the agro info available on website via qr code to be able to quickly relay info on what the MCFB has been doing in the last year. Dylan would like to look at the application and email it out to bureau members with a survey to discover pertinent information. Jill suggested we start with a survey to gather information from the board and members who have been active in their involvement with the farm bureau. Then compile that information and ultimately have a system for storing and tracking the information requested in the awards application. John suggested we send out the application to the board members when the application is available and again before the next board meeting.

Matt Schuster suggested we highlight the individual award availability to the membership in the next FarmGram.

McVey – Aurora Dispute

Dylan told the board about a hay farmer trying to build new barn after he's been force annexed into Aurora. He states that he is a farm and should be able to build a barn. The city halted his building because he did not have a permit to build the barn. He then applied for the permits and was told he can't build a barn in the city. The farmer responded that he is a farm and has a right to build a barn. He reached out to the farm bureau for assistance dealing with the planning commission. There was a letter of testimony from OFB and MCFB defending McVey's stance and pointed out that this is not a new use. The city responded saying they want a business license now that he is selling hay in the city. Mary Anne will be consulting, not representing, on new avenues to pursue to fight the planning departments decision.

Jonathan Sandau Report

Knute Buehler Fundraiser

Jonathon said the Natural Resources Stake Holder Community will be hosting a banquet to fundraise for Knute Buehler for Oregon Governor in the Oregon Farm Bureau Board Room August 14 at 6pm. The ag community is endorsing the candidate. They would love to see individual show up as well. Jonathon states that internal tracking polls are showing it is a really close race. Jonathon is urging members to meet and hear him talk.

Farm Use Energy Survey

Jonathon reports the Oregon Farm Bureau has distributed a survey in response to proposed cap and trade legislation. He states OFB is looking to get a better picture of farmer impact as a result of proposed carbon restrictions – ie how much and what type of energy are farmers using. Utilities are starting to crunch numbers and OFB is looking to crunch their own numbers to get a better picture of the end user impact. Jonathon is urging membership involvement.

Measure 104

Jonathon explained the measure trying to close loop hole with revenue raising bills. He states the measure would require the 3/5th vote for any revenue raising taxes in the legislature. OFB is reaching out to the counties for a statement for the voter pamphlet at the request of the Measure 104 Campaign. OFB is supportive of this measure. John asked Jonathon if this would jeopardize the farm bureau's tax status. Jonathon stated that voter pamphlet statements are considered educational material. Jonathon pointed out the campaign is paying for filing fees and will help write the pamphlet statement. Dylan likes that the Marion County Farm Bureau would be getting some publicity. Greg agreed and said he likes to see who endorses what in his voter pamphlet.

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Greg Bennett seconded that MCFB endorse the yes on Measure 104 campaign. **Motion passed.**

Detroit Dam & Lake Downstream Passage Project

Dylan pointed out to the board that there are some public info meetings coming up – August 22 in Gates and August 23 in Salem. Dylan pointed out the reminder was in the agenda packet. Jonathon recommends people attend the meetings and engage with the corps. He believes individual voices that will be impacted will hold the most weight. He also stated that it is important to weigh in with concerns because response time is very limited.

Willamette Reallocation

Jonathon stated to the board that the Willamette Reallocation is another big issue that will impact the water in the area. He said there will be a congressional meeting coming up soon which is the primary focus of the DC trip in September. He acknowledges it will be a tough battle, with lots of conversations and stake holder engagement. Alvin Klausen from Kurt Schraders office offered to field any questions members may have in regards to the Willamette Reallocation Project and the Detroit Dam Project and said he would be happy to meet with people in his office.

MCFB Committee Reports

Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells /Annie Krahmer)

Dylan reported the committee has convened and when working on a theme discovered the annual meeting will be held right after Day Light Savings Time ends. As a result, they suggested the theme for the party be "Turn Back Time" with a Sock Hop feel to liven up the business side of the meeting.

OFB Advisory Committees (reports from members who have attended an OFBF advisory committee)

National Affairs Committee called Dylan to ask for his participation on some labor issues. Dylan pointed out that it is the wrong time of year for him to be able to participate as it is also the wrong time for John Zielinski, who was also asked to help out.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski

John told the board that OFB did vote to put \$10k towards the Knute Buehler campaign.

Endorsements:

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Greg Bennett seconded to endorse Selma Pierce for State Representative HD 20. **Motion Passed.**

MOTION: Dana Estensen moved and John Zielinski seconded to endorse Kevin Cameron for Marion County Commissioner Position 1. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Dana Estensen moved and Joe Ruef seconded to endorse Dan Wren for Marion County Circuit Court Judge. **Motion passed.**

The board absolutely agrees that an intermodal facility is needed in the valley and would be beneficial to farmers in the area. As a consensus the board decided to stay neutral and not to endorse either intermodal facility. They would prefer to leave that up to the professionals because there are so many elements involved that they do not feel qualified to take a stance on.

YF&R Report – Anne Krahmer

Anne Krahmer was not present. No report.

Women's Advisory Council – Jessie DeJager

No report.

Dylan asked that any next meeting agenda items be sent to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm