



# Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: December 20, 2018 – 6:30pm

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

**Oregon Farm Bureau Boardroom**  
**1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301**

## Minutes

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

### Guests

Karl Dettwyler  
 Emma Dettwyler  
 Ben Stone  
 Judy Bennett  
 Tony Fernandez

Velan Chapin  
 Doug Krahrmer  
 Crystal Krahrmer  
 Andy Steinkamp  
 Tom Brawley

Roger DeJager  
 Darcy Ruef  
 Jeanne Zielinski  
 Matt Dunbar  
 Mary Ann Cooper

### Staff

Caitlin Koenig  
 Jill Ingalls

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by President Dylan Wells.

### Introductions

President Dylan Wells asked that board members and guests alike go around the table and introduce themselves to the group stating their name, what they farm and their connection to the MCFB.

### Mary Ann Cooper Report

Mary Ann acknowledged the work the board has been involved with regarding solar siting rule making. She said the state has been working on their rules as well and noted the county will have the opportunity to be more restrictive. She said she thinks the proposal that they will be commenting on will be a complete ban on solar farming on class 1 and 2 soils. She said the OFB has a clearer picture of how they will proceed as a result of recent policy approvals at the convention. She recommended the MCFB reach out to Johnathon Sandau should they have a differing opinion from the state board.

Mary Ann gave a brief report on what to expect with regard to the upcoming legislative session and anticipated work by OFB on issues they are planning to tackle in the coming year. She said it was recently announced there will be 3

natural resource committees on the House side: agriculture and weeds, house energy and environment, and Forestry and Wildlife.

She said they are expecting that Cap and Trade will be the biggest hottest issue coming out the gate. She said they don't have a proposal on it yet and are expecting to see it in January. She believes any proposal would likely result in increased fuel costs for farmers and ranchers and is currently unsure of any incentive component and what that would look like, but said the last she heard there was talk of modeling it off of NRCS programs. In the end she said she is very unsure of what to expect because there is no proposal to base their comments or recommendations on. She said beyond cap and trade, the majority of the issues will be committee driven. She emphasized the importance of committee chairs after the last election and felt some of the appointees were promising with regard to their level of consideration of issues impacting the Ag industry. She acknowledged that the election did not go as the OFB had hoped, but does not feel it is a total loss. Mary Ann recognized the list of issues the farm bureau would like to tackle can feel quite daunting and urged farmers to pick an issue they are passionate about and to stay engaged with that cause. She said OFB would like farmers to write letters to their representatives with their "picked issue" and believes if every member would do this it would have an immense impact and potentially the biggest voice in the Capitol. Some of the other topics she expects to be hot in the coming year are:

- WOTUS ruling language – especially around ditches
- Wolf delisting proposal
- Biological opinion on beavers

### **Consent Agenda**

The board reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2018 Meeting.

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Kathleen Carl seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

### **Financial Report**

Jill Ingalls presented the financial report as attached herein and pointed out that it was pretty straight forward. She said that she is waiting on direction from the board and budgeting committee as far as determining who to use as a CPA to file year end taxes and noted all documentation is ready to go. She asked the board if they had any questions. Guest and past president, Doug Krahmer, asked about current banking balances and commented that it had doubled since he served on the board.

**MOTION:** Greg Bennett moved and Bruce Chapin seconded to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

### **REAL Oregon**

John Zielinsky asked Karl Dettwyler to tell the board about the REAL Oregon program and the impact the training has had on him. Karl said networking, leadership skills training, and expanded education on the natural resources industry in the state were the key takeaways for him from the program. He said they had hands on training in different parts of the state and it really helped him to practice critical thinking and understanding how to work together to get goals accomplished. He said the experience was a very positive one and feels it is a great program. Dana asked about the professional background of participants. Dylan said 30% of the class are ag producers and the rest of the class is made up of: service providers (like banking, insurance and income tax services), OSU, an export consultant, state agencies - Energy Trust of Oregon and Oregon Dept of Ag (pesticide outreach), and foresters. He said it's a broad group, but they are all connected to the Natural Resources Industry and he feels it's a great way to advocate for Ag. Dylan stated that the program is \$5000 to participate and they meet one weekend a month. Stuart asked Dylan if he was sponsored. Dylan said he is not and felt it was inappropriate to request sponsorship because of his position as president and budget committee member.

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Stuart Olson seconded that mcfb donate \$1000 to Real Oregon to sponsor Dylan's tuition. **Motion passed.**

Dylan thanked the board for their sponsorship and recommended the board urge others they think may benefit from the program to apply. He said that Oregon Farm Bureau and other county farm bureaus have sponsored the program as well.

### **Membership Approvals: Deferred to January Meeting**

## **Old Business:**

### **Solar Farming Work Group**

Dylan Wells told the group that he, John Zielinski and Bruce Chapin have met to come up with a recommendation to the board of commissioners on siting solar farming in EFU zones. Dylan said they met 6 times and saw lots of participation from groups like: ODA, PGE, Marion County Planning Commission, and the solar industry. Dylan said MCFB brought a proposal to the table and the solar industry did not agree with the recommendations. The solar industry offered a proposal and the group agreed they were at an impasse. Bruce said he thinks the state will respond more restrictively than the recommendations made by MCFB. Dylan said it is up to the county commissioners to make a decision. Dylan said he thinks the rule will likely come down in the favor of MCFB.

### **Silverton Crime**

Karl Dettwyler stated he has been seeing an increase in crime in the ag area. He said he believes it is in part due to decriminalization of less than an ounce of heroin and meth that has led to addicts trying to support their habit with theft. Karl said that with the support of MCFB he was able to set up a meeting with the sheriff's department and other county officials to discuss areas of concern and potential solutions. He said the sheriff believes there will be improvement with crime within the next year due to new availability of officers. They discussed the challenge abandoned properties (zombie houses) are becoming and said they are working on a legal fix. He said they also discussed tractor safety in rural areas as it pertains to biking events. Dana Estensen added that she learned during the meeting that ATVs are being used to impersonate farm workers and criminals are often avoiding detection that way. Karl said he has started a crime watch page on Facebook for his area and has seen property returned and criminals apprehended as a result. Dylan said one of the big takeaways from the meeting was that all suspicious activity should be documented. If something is seen call the non-emergency line. They recommended pictures be taken – if possible and to make sure to write down vehicle details. Dylan commended the board on their progress and work with cultivating and maintaining strong relationships with law enforcement and local government.

### **President's Report**

Dylan commended the board for their participation at the annual convention. He said he received a lot of positive feedback from other attendees about the work they did during the house of delegates and said he felt like it was a productive experience. He said he also felt that the MCFB was well represented with the hospitality suite and encouraged next year's host county to offer a similar experience.

## **New Business**

### **Capital Press request – FFA ad**

The board reviewed the email from Rebecca Beach, the Capital Press Media Consultant, where she asked if they would like to sponsor the FFA page. Jill Ingalls said it appeared that MCFB has supported this ad in the past and it is essentially an ad campaign Capital Press runs where MCFB would get their logo on a business card size ad that supports the FFA program.

**MOTION:** Dana Estensen moved and Kathleen Carl seconded to approve the ad expenditure for the first 4 month increment. **Motion passed.**

### **Budget Committee Discussion**

Kathleen Carl asked if the board would consider adding a REAL Oregon sponsorship to the budget so that other participants could receive sponsorship in future years. Dylan suggested that be added as a scholarship item in the upcoming budget. He invited all who wanted to participate on the budget committee to meet at 5:30 in the boardroom before the next board meeting.

### **AFBF Convention**

Dylan noted that the budget allows for a board member to go to the AFBF convention in New Orleans January 11 – 16, 2019. He asked if anyone was interested in going. Lisa Stone and Matt Dunbar both expressed interests. Dylan said he will send an email about it.

### **MCFB Committee Reports – Deferred to January Meeting**

- a. MCFB Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells /Annie Krahmer)
- b. Membership Committee (Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl)
- c. CPR/Propane Handling/Forklift Training Committee (Matt Schuster/Keith Ditchen)

d. OFB Annual Meeting (John Zielinski)

**OFB Advisory Committees** – Deferred to January Meeting

**OFBF District 15 Director's report** – No report

**YF&R Report** – Matt Dunbar– **Deferred to January Meeting**

**Women's Advisory Council** – Jessie DeJager – **Deferred to January Meeting**

**Next Meeting Agenda Items**

BUDGET – make room for REAL Oregon scholarship or sponsorship  
WAC legislative days

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

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