



Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: February 11, 2019 – 6:30pm
Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

Oregon Farm Bureau – Heritage Room
1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Minutes

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

Guest:

Destinee Schuster
Samuel Schuster
Roger DeJager

Staff:

Jill Ingalls
Caitlin Koenig

The meeting was called to order by President Dylan Wells at 6:32pm.

President Dylan wells asked for a quick roll call and all attendees introduced themselves.

McKay FFA Presentation

Samuel Schuster representing the Salem Keizer FFA chapter recited the creed. He stated he will be doing a competition coming up on Saturday. Samuel asked the board to sponsor a disk harrow and presented them with a letter of request from the president Nanci Banderas. Greg Bennett and Stuart Olson asked about the size of the tractor. The board brainstormed ways to get help for the club. Caitlin asked Destinee to write a small article to be included in the upcoming FarmGram as a way to solicit help from MCFB membership. Destinee said she would come up with a small article.

Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 9, 2019 board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Matt Schuster and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion passed.

Financial Report

Dylan reviewed the reconciliation detail and walked the board through the paperwork. Dylan talked about the importance of getting dues paid because it is a large part of the income for the county farm bureau.

MOTION: Bruce Chapin moved and Joe Ruef seconded to accept financials as presented. **Motion passed.**

Membership Approvals:

Jacob Brundridge – Voting

MOTION: Greg Bennett moved and Kathleen Carl seconded to accept member as presented. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Solar Farming Work Group – Marion county hasn't made a decision. Dylan and Bruce said they have not heard anything in regards to a decision being made. Kathleen reported that she read an article in the Capital Press stating a decision has been made at the state level. Bruce commented that there are some exclusions that allow for more loopholes than what Marion County would want to allow. Dylan said he will follow up with Johnathan and Mary Ann.

Canola

Caitlin read the email from Johnathon Sandau to the board. Greg Bennett talked about the impact it may have on the whole system. He mentioned Scott Miller's stance against it and feels the Marion County Farm Bureau should honor Scott Miller's sentiments on the issue. Matt Schuster mentioned that nothing has been brought to the table so why make it an issue. Dylan reminded the board that if Marion County opposes the canola issue, they will need to submit an exception to the state farm bureau stating they differ from the state policy book. Dylan wants to know if it benefits the membership to set limits on the canola. Greg wants to know if the price of canola outweighs specialty seed crops. Bruce suggested that the statement be made in a positive way.

MOTION: Bruce Chapin moved and Stuart Olson seconded MCFB support maintaining the current canola exclusion zone in Marion county. **Motion passed.**

Long Term Planning

Dylan asked the board to think about Marion County Farm Bureau's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Dylan requested that the board make sure to contribute their thoughts and plans for the future of the chapter and to be prepared to share at the next meeting. Bruce said he feels the diversity of the group is a strength.

President's Report

Dylan reported that he and Matt Schuster attended the county presidents meeting and legislative days. They listened to presentations about current legislation. There was discussion about bills to accommodate nursing mothers and the legal team asked them for their input. There was also talk about how to successfully approach legislators and the importance of being all inclusive. Kathleen Carl stated that she heard from all the legislators at the Legislative Days event and agreed it is important to be mindful of how you approach legislators if you're wanting to be heard. Dylan said he felt there were some high-ranking officials that presented. Matt said he felt it was a discouraging presentation. The group agreed that those meetings can be frustrating.

New Business

Ronald McDonald Pledge - Dylan directed the board to review the pledge sheet. Jessie DeJager said there are currently 3 Ronald McDonald houses in Oregon with a 4th planned.

MOTION: Kathleen Carl moved and Greg Bennett seconded that the board give a contribution increase from \$500 to \$600 so that each house receive \$200. **Motion Passed.**

Century Farm & Ranch Sponsorship Request - The board agreed to keep the contribution as budgeted.

OFS Support Request – The board agreed to keep the contribution as budgeted.

MCFB Committee Reports

Membership Committee (*Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl*) – Dylan asked that everyone look the unpaid list and make calls to anyone they know. Matt Dunbar said he will review to see which YF&R members he can connect with.

Budget Committee (*Dylan Wells/Kathleen Carl/Matt Schuster*) Dylan talked about the changes the budget committee made, for example the addition of the Real Oregon Contribution and increasing the Western Resources Law Center. He stated the committee and staff cleaned up line items in the budget to make sure line items were properly attributed. Dylan made sure to draw attention to items that had been moved or had the name changed. Dylan found out the D and O cost was so reduced as a result of OFB subsidizing the cost. He walked the board through each line item and explained the numbers.

MOTION: Greg Bennett moved and Joe Ruef seconded to approve the budget as presented. **Motion passed.**

Scholarship (*Dana Estensen/Lisa Stone/Kathleen Carl*) Kathleen Carl reported that the applications are done and just need to be proofed. Caitlin said she would email the final draft of the applications to the schools she sent them to last year, would post them on the website and put it in the FarmGram.

Safety Training Committee (*Matt Schuster/Keith Ditchen*) – Matt Schuster presented the CPR classes that have been planned. There will be two English instruction classes on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will also be a Spanish instruction class held the morning of Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Matt told the board that there had been talks with Overton forklift training. He said there wasn't enough money budgeted to offer the class. He said the best training option offered by Overton was a "train the trainer" class which would allow participants to train people on their own farm. The challenge was that Overton requires the class to have 20 attendees and the class is \$500 per person. He said Overton would offer a discounted rate to Marion County Farm Bureau members in return for promoting Overton to our membership.

Motion: Matt Schuster moved and Greg Bennett seconded that the board authorizes staff to promote forklift training classes via Overton at a discounted rate of \$120 to members and to encourage Overton to become members of MCFB. **Motion passed.**

Ag Tour (*Dana Estensen/Stuart Olson/Lisa Stone*) Lisa Stone reported that the Ag Tour has been scheduled for March 14. Beginning at 8:45 and are expecting it to be over by 3:15. Lisa listed the stops for the board. Dylan asked if there would be a social at the end of the tour. Dana said there would not be a social but is hoping people will meet at the McClay Inn. Dana asked that board members reach out to legislators and invite them. Dana asked that there be a flyer with the information to give to invitees via email. Caitlin said she could do that.

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

Water Committee report – Matt Schuster reported there is lots of activity within the legislature with regard to water. He said he feels one of the big issues is going to be around water transfer. He said they are trying to get some clarity from the Department of Water Resources on the ability to transfer stored water. He feels another big issue will be the legislation in regard to dairies. He said they are currently talking about requiring dairies with over 2500 dairy cows to be considered an industrial operation and will require a dual permit. He feels the legislature is trying to get rid of livestock exemption as a result of the failure from the Lost River Dairy. Matt sees the problem as a judicial problem not a legislative one. Bruce Chapin commented that making dairies industrial will prevent them from having farm protections. Matt said the Willamette Water Reallocation is still a big issue and to expect to keep hearing about it. He says this is a result of the National Marine Fisheries Service claim for water and felt the Army Corps study was flawed in their assessment of what the need will be over the next 70 years. He said it will be open for comments from municipalities soon. He said he felt the municipalities have been favorable to agriculture as they recognize the positive economic impact from ag. Greg mentioned the Greenway Riparian tax credit and said he still felt that was a positive thing and he currently has no objections. He also pointed out that WOTUS not friendly towards ditches.

Labor committee – Lisa Stone and Stuart Olson attended the labor meeting and said there was lots of talk about how sexual harassment has impacted businesses. They were concerned that there are no protections because legislators have introduced bills attempting to get rid of the corporate umbrella which would make all parties liable. Lisa said they

were told that even if you have sexual harassment liability insurance, you still wouldn't have protection if the corporate umbrella is dissolved. She said there is also legislation that is trying to get 14 to 16 weeks protected time off for family care. Lisa said she felt the meeting was very difficult. Another big topic was pay equity and how to maneuver safely within the law. John said he thinks this is going to boil down to how business have written and implemented their employee handbook.

Land Use committee – Kathleen Carl and John Zielinski attended and said the majority of the meeting was centered around 2 issues: farm cafes & giving breweries the ability to have similar accommodations as wineries without there being an infringement on their ag status. Kathleen said they also talked about solar, but the majority was spent on farm direct bills.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – *John Zielinski*

John reported that they talked a lot! The board action report is attached herein.

YF&R Report – *Matt Dunbar*

Matt Dunbar reported that there were elections in December to realign with the new bylaws and 1 at large position was removed. Now there are 2 at large positions. He said they had a long meeting in LaPine. This year they are anticipating quite a bit of transition due to quite a few ageing out of the program. He said they also talked about 1 year and 5 year goals for the program. He said they are going to be at FFA convention in Redmond March 22nd - 25th. Dylan said he received a scholarship from state YF&R to go to the Fusion Conference in Milwaukee. He will be attending with Peter Herbert and Sterling Westfall.

Women's Advisory Council – *Jessie DeJager*

Jessie reported they served lots of beautiful cakes at the legislative days event and felt it was very successful. She said they will be touring the Ronald McDonald houses in March.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

New Marion County Assessor – Stuart Olson said he would like to see if the new Marion County Assessor will come talk to the board about (processing tax) system development charges. Stuart mentioned the assessor needs to have a farm advisory group.

Lisa reported on her trip to New Orleans for the AFBF convention. She said there was a lot of emphasis on keeping in touch with legislature and keeping focus on your chosen topics. She reported that President Trump addressed the group and was interesting. She said he talked about the wall and farms being burned down due to sex and drug trafficking.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm