

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – February 13, 2018
MINUTES

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

X= present at the meeting.

President Dylan Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present:
Location: 1320 Capitol St NE #200, Salem, OR 97301

Staff:

Jill Ingalls
Caitlin Koenig

Guests:

None in attendance

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The board reviewed the minutes of January 2nd, 2018 and January 17, 2018

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Roger DeJager to approve the minutes of January 2nd, 2018 and the minutes of January 17, 2018 as resented.

Motion passed.

Jill Ingalls presented a financial report include the balance sheet, profit and loss and bank statement with reconcile, and reported that there were two unreconciled accounts on the bank statement that need additional clarification, but the financials are in order. The board requested not to include the bank statement in future financial reports.

MOTION: Moved by Keith Ditchen and seconded by John Zielinski to accept the financial report as presented.

Motion passed.

Dylan wells reported that Joel Blount of Keudell/Morrison Wealth Management has requested a meeting with the board. This will be added to the March agenda.

Membership Approvals

- a. Mike Carpilloz, Voting
- b. Brittney Eshuis, Supporting
- c. Brandon Fox, Supporting
- d. Tom Harbolt, Voting
- e. Bailey Jenks, Supporting

MOTION: Moved by Greg Bennett and seconded by Dana Estensen to approve all as presented at the levels

presented. **Motion passed.**

Dylan will follow up to welcome them.

Old Business:

a. Aurora Airport Expansion Update

Dylan Wells read a report provided to him by Mary Ann Cooper:

The bill had a hearing on Friday, which was very well attended by opposition. At that hearing, I stated the following around OFB's position based on our county conversations:

OFB's neutrality on the Aurora Airport is contingent on:

- An amendment to narrow the language of the facilities that are allowed with the runway extension to navigation related equipment.
- Assurances that:
 - The runway itself will not extend onto the EFU land
 - The land that is not used for the taxiway and radar equipment will be made available for farming at market rental rate
 - The airport will address the access issues presented to farmers from the closure of Kiel Road

I didn't hear anything we hadn't heard at the hearing, though I will say the rumors on this bill are pretty intense in terms of what the airport's eventual plans will be. Because of the pressure around this bill, I do not think the base bill will move. The proponents are working on making the airport expansion a conditional use (still limited to this airport), so they wouldn't have to go through the exceptions process but there would still be a local process for farmers to raise their concerns. This amendment will be heard tomorrow. At this point, I am not sure if the bill will move as amended or die in committee, but I know it will not move as the base bill.

b. Willamette Country Music Festival

Asked for a 60 day extension and have hired an engineering company to conduct a traffic study. Roger DeJager reported a conversation regarding a traffic study in the area.

John Zielinski reported that a hearing is scheduled with Marion County Board of Commissioners regarding on amendments to rural zone code adopting criteria on standards limiting the siting of solar rays in the S8 special agriculture and EFU zones. He has forwarded to Mary Ann at OFB who will assist in drafting testimony. Existing policy and general consensus is in place for this board to proceed.

c. First Aid, CPR, and AED/Propane Classes

The training was postponed for 2018, but planning will resume in November to produce these in January of 2019.

d. AG Tour

Dana Estensen reported that the tour will be planned for 3rd week of March or first week of April, Tuesday – Thursday and based on tour bus driver availability. Staff will find connect with driver and coordinate with committee on setting the date. The tour considerations include Christmas trees, worm casting, herding dogs, timber, falconers and mushrooms. Dana requested that if anyone is willing to make contact to introduce the idea she would appreciate it. Staff will add a "save the date" for the newsletter for now and then to promote when details are finalized.

President's Report

County presidents meeting is next Monday, they are focusing on membership. Goal from State convention is all about membership OFB is seeking membership testimonies from farm bureau members for media and social.

Dylan has been to Capital twice to testify but not able to have an opportunity. Cap and trade opposition was invited testimony so good representation. He also attended the Womens Advisory gathering.

John Zielinski suggested that OFB PR should connect and get those testimonies directly by attending some of the various FB meetings to get video. John will reach out to Dave Dillon to suggest this.

They are asking for Emission controls on Diesel, hearing was today, weren't asking for oral testimony, but written.

7:05 *New Business*

a. *Bank Signers*

Updated signers current Brenda, John, Troy, and Genoa are signers and Troy and Brenda are no longer on the board and Genoa is no longer on contract.

It was explained that the new team would prefer not to be signers, so need two members to sign each check. There is a process to mail checks for signature if needed, otherwise most checks should be signed at the board meeting, seem to be limited needs. The occasional needs in the interim can be mailed or hand carried.

Dana Estensen move to authorize bank signers as chair Dylan Wells, vice chair Keith Ditchen, Kathleen Carl and John Zielinski, Joe Ruef seconded the motion carried unanimously.

b. *DC Trip*

Government affairs committee is heading to Washington, DC at the end of May 21 to 24, there has been interest from board members to attend, total cost is \$2,000.

Wells wishes to go. Zielinski suggested to send those that have not previously attended and to encourage this to inspire new leaders, and also those comfortable speaking to congress- There is some travel allocated in the current budget, but board can authorize additional if desired.

MOTION: Stuart Olsen moved and Kathleen Carl seconded a motion to send Dylan Wells and Matt Schuster to Washington DC. **Motion carried.**

The National Convention is in New Orleans 2019 January 16 – 19, 2019
Current budget allocates \$1500 for the National Convention

c. *Ditchen Water Issue*

Mary Ann was to send a report, but did not get to Dylan, the issue is tabled to next meeting pending details.

d. *Seed Cleaner/Hop Dryer Tax Assessment*

Troy reported to Wells, Jenny Drexler supplied report as included in meeting packet. Will be seeking a legislative correction for 2019 session. Wells suggest contacting Jenny Drexler to follow up on this issue.

e. *Century Farm and Ranch Program Thank You Note*

f. *OR Ag in the Classroom Foundation Thank You Note*

g. *McNary Athletic Boosters Request*

ACTION: John Zielinski suggested and was embraced by general consensus the board declined this request suggesting support continue for the fair youth and other agriculture related groups.

h. *Other – nothing reported*

MCFB Committee Reports

a. Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells/Brenda Frketich/Annie Krahmer) – No Report

b. Budget Committee (Dylan/Brenda/Kathleen) – No Report

c. Scholarship (Dana Estensen/Kathleen Carl/Lisa Stone) –

Dana reported that Caitlin and Jill will update the scholarship information and send to the committee to confirm wording is correct and update dates as needed.

The committee will determine number of scholarships issued and total amounts within the budget set by the board. Once approved staff will post to website and social, plus distribute to FFA and other organizations to promote. IT was also suggested to get it out to Corbin University and Chemeketa as well as any other agriculture related Higher Education

d. CPR – (Kith Ditchen/Matt Schuster)

e. Forklift – (Keith Ditchen/Matt Schuster)

f. Tour Committee

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

Kathleen attended the land use but there was some confusion on communications and had her email listed

incorrectly. It was noted that some of the committee notices and communications were not clear.

Dylan attended National affairs committee but only 5 or 6 attended but discussed H2A program and that they have capped number of workers at 450,000. Currently over a million in the program. Zielinski also added that each year it increases with a certain percentage so that eventually it could cap at the million mark. DC trip was another topic.

Matt Schuster attended the cap and trade and diesel were the big topics. The proponents are pushing funds to be returned to community. By the time it gets to rural communities the amount would be very small, application process is tough.

Worker protection plan need to comment on that to OSHA and he encouraged all to do that.

DEQ is looking at approving the..... permit – but the new permit requires proposed changes seek to cover waterways dry waterways as well as any aerial applications – any water including temp standing water. Worth keeping an eye on. Also, water committee meeting discussed Detroit lake options, corps of engineers in comment period.

Historic stored water transfer bill – issue is specific to Tumalo area where housing development is building around temporary lakes and the concern about those eventual residents not appreciating their lakes / ponds to be drained annually for the use of the water.

Issue is stored water being transferred and this will apply statewide. Notion is for stored water to be transferred. Clarification needed and not applied to statewide.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski

In addition to some of the labor issues John was unable to attend the meeting, but he was able to conference call in, and discussed with Dave Dillon and Barry Bushue, to alert him if issue required his attendance. He received draft minutes from the OFB Board meeting and shared that these are two full days of meetings.

Action items included dues issue in Pendleton.

Board decided to support a bill in support of reform. Endorsed Greg Walden

Opportunities at the beginning of each OFB to hear county issues and concerns.

Ryan Bounds supported to court of appeals by OFB

Sb 1552 ofb supports,

Olson asked if any bill regarding Willamette Falls was presented and encouraged MCFB to support it. Z will follow up

YF&R Report – Anne Krahmer

Jan 16 meeting with Clackamas meeting tour Iverson farm and hemp operations – 30 attended,

Jan 20 board meeting in LaPine, new board members and representation from more areas of the state. They will be doing a new fundraising coyote hunt. Upcoming leadership conference in Reno – 2 from Marion attending. Canada tour is slated for March 16 – 18 and there are only 4 spots remaining. (Dylan Wells will be attending)

YFR Committee will be helping at state FFA March 23 – 25 in Redmond.

Women's Advisory Council – No report

March Agenda Items

Detroit dam issue

Adjourn 8:10

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2018

Membership Report 2018 Goal: 604 members Renewed: 247 (40.89%) Needed: 357