

Marion County Farm Bureau
 Board of Directors Meeting – January 10, 2018
MINUTES

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

X= present at the meeting.

President Dylan Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present:

Staff:

Laureal Williams
 Genoa Ingram

Guests:

Mike Iverson, Aurora Farms
 Ben Williams, Friends of French Prairie
 Colm Willis, Candidate, Marion County
 Commissioner

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 13, 2017, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Bruce Chapin to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017, with the inclusion of additional comments provided by Kathleen Carl regarding the Aurora Airport issue in which she stated that Oregon statutes protect farm land from encroachment and there is a process that should be adhered to.

Motion passed.

Laureal Williams reviewed the current financial reports including the balance sheet and profit and loss.

MOTION: Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Speaker – Colm Willis

Colm Willis, candidate for Marion County Commissioner, praised the farming community for its contribution to Marion County’s economy. He noted that his emphasis would be on OSHA restrictions on the use of pesticides, and preservation of farmland through land use laws.

Membership Approvals

- Amanda Felton, Supporting Member
- Duane Hari, Voting Member
- Peter Erwert, Voting Member (YF&R rate)
- Stefani Evers, Support Member (YF&R rate)

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Keith Ditchen to approve all applicants *en bloc* at the levels indicated. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Bighorn Solar Ruling A copy of the ruling was distributed as an informational item.

Willamette Country Music Festival President Wells reported that he had accompanied OFB staff to the hearing and Mary Anne Cooper had provided testimony in opposition. The festival will remain in Lebanon for at least one additional year but the discussion will continue. Dylan encouraged MCFB to stay engaged in the issue.

Aurora Airport Expansion President Wells reported that Rep. Rick Lewis had introduced legislation to expand the Aurora Airport. The proposal is written in such a way to target Aurora only. President Wells, Mary Ann Cooper, Rep. Lewis and others met to discuss the expansion which is planned for airport land only; however, the buffer will also be increased. The current plan does not allow larger aircraft but will allow fully loaded (fuel) aircraft. Dylan reported that OFB had come out of the meeting with a “neutral” position, allowing them to participate further in the wording of the bill.

Ben Williams, Friends of French Prairie, stated that had long been involved with the airport expansion. He reminded the Board that there is already an established land use process and additional carve outs are not needed. Ben noted that while proponents indicated that larger jets will not be allowed, the size of the runway is more than adequate to accommodate larger jets; it is just a matter of time. He also noted that the master plan will have very adverse impacts on Kyle Road and the surrounding farmland.

Mike Iverson, who farms in Aurora, echoed concerns with the expansion and enumerated the impacts on farming.

Board members discussed whether to oppose Rep. Lewis’s bill. President Wells noted that OFB’s position was that to remain neutral to have a seat at the table when amendments are being discussed.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Bruce Chapin to oppose the Aurora Airport expansion. **Motion failed by a vote of 6-7.**

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski to take a neutral position on the Aurora Airport expansion. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

President’s Report

President Dylan reported on his recent trip to the AFB Conference in Nashville. Oregon’s Jenny Freeborn was the runner-up in the National Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet. Her

second-place prize is a Case IH Farmall 50A tractor. She also was able to meet Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, who also gave a presentation. AFB President Zippy Duvall's address was similar to his presentation at the OFB Convention in Pendleton. Dylan was also among the attendees to hear President Trump speak at the Convention. One of the primary issues discussed was a proposed requirement for seed companies to list both hot and cold germination rates on packaging.

New Business

Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Sponsorship By consensus, request declined.

OFB Memorial Scholarship Program Letter of thanks received.

Oregon Clover Commission Sponsorship Request By consensus, request declined.

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce/SAIF Ag Dinner The following Board members will attend:

- DeJager – 2
- Wells – 2
- Ditchen – 2
- Zielinski – 2
- Carl – 1

MCFB Committee Reports

- a. Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells/Brenda Frketch/Annie Krahmer) – No Report
- b. Budget Committee (Dylan Wells/Kathleen Carl) – No Report
- c. Scholarship (Dana Estensen/Kathleen Carl) – No Report
- d. CPR – (Keith Ditchen/Matt Schuster) Keith provided a list of dates and locations.
- e. Forklift – (Keith Ditchen/Matt Schuster) Keith discussed the need for additional promotion.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Bruce Chapin to add \$1,000 to the budget to fund the forklift/propane training. **Motion passed.**

Advisory Committees – Deferred to January Meeting

Ag Production Committee – Matt Schuster reported that Oregon will implement the federal worker protection standards, including the exclusion zone circle and shelter in place. Labor organizations and trade unions presented a strong show of support. OSHA will take comments until January 31.

Water Committee – Matt Schuster reported that the Water Committee will meet later this month.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report

John Zielinski reported on his first Board meeting which was a half-day meeting. He reported that Committee assignments had been discussed, along with the purpose, goals and strategies of committees. Mary Anne Cooper reported on an aggregate issue and Jenny Dressler reported on aerial applications, exclusion zones, and shelter in place. Mike McCarthy reported on having spotters on the roadway. Additional issues included:

- Housing mandates regarding pesticides;
- OSHA regulations on manganese exposure as it applies to welding;
- Paid sick leave rulemaking;
- Cap and Trade;
- Pesticide general permit;

Gail Greenman discussed the Cascade/Siskiyou monument and the Owyhee monument. Five lawsuits have been filed at national level that will likely end up in the Supreme Court regarding whether a U.S. President can restrict an existing monument. The federal tax package, including an

increase in the inheritance tax threshold to \$11 million (resulting in an overall decrease), was also addressed, as were OFA dues.

YF&R – Deferred to January Meeting

Anne reported that Jenny Freeborn had been voted in as YF&R President and Victoria Flowers was elected Vice President. On December 20, a Marion County YF&R meeting was held and President Wells was among the 15 attendees. State Representative Andrea Salinas, House District 38, was their special guest. A meeting is planned for January 16, at the Iverson Farm. The State meeting is scheduled for January 20, in LaPine and a leadership conference February 16-19, in Reno.

Women’s Advisory Council

No report.

February Agenda Items

Fire Aid, CPR, and AED/Propane Classes.

AG Tour.

Update on Aurora Airport Expansion.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss the staffing RFP.