



# Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: May 9, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

## Agenda

Present:

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

Staff:

Jill Ingalls

Caitlin Koenig

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

### Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting. Matt Schuster noticed that Tom Hogue's presentation was noted in the minutes, but he was not listed as present on the guest list.

**MOTION:** Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Bruce Chapin to approve the minutes with the amendment of adding Tom Hogue to the guest list. **Motion Passed**

Financial Report: Dylan Wells reported that the bank statement has yet to be received and the bank has been called. Jill Ingalls stated she has not heard back from the bank as of the meeting. She stated upon receipt of the bank statement Ingalls & Associates will complete the financials and send out the report. Jill Ingalls reported that OFB sent two payments in April and discovered one was an etcetera payment the billing department hadn't applied properly in 2017. OFB apologized for the error. Jill Ingalls was concerned that if not properly labeled and posted, that deposit will confuse financial reporting in the future and historical comparison. Jill Ingalls has contacted OFB for clarification and direction on how to post the deposit. Bruce suggested a new line item be added to identify this error. Jill agreed and reaffirmed she would wait for direction from OFB.

### Membership Approvals:

Marcie Ceja – Supporting \*Review from April

Robert Jordaine – Supporting \*Review from April

Saul Valdivia – Voting

Douglas Quan – Voting  
Wade Greaves – Voting  
Antonia Kuznetsov – Voting  
Gregory Blankenship – Supporting  
John Russ – Voting  
John Schreiner – Voting  
Rodney Veeman – Voting

Dylan Wells reported that according to his correspondence with Country Financial, the two new members from April qualified as supporting members. He also stated that James Hutches went up the chain of command within Country Financial to identify and resolve the issue of membership approvals being submitted without a commodity identified. Country Financial believes they have remedied the problem by requiring a commodity to be selected on the application before it can be processed. They also discussed the question of how to distinguish between membership levels voting or supporting. They discovered it is up to the farm bureau to determine if the farm qualifies; Country won't distinguish between hobby or commercial farming. Bruce Chapin reminded everyone the Marion County Farm Bureau by laws say that a significant amount of the applicants revenue must come from farming, not a majority. Bruce Chapin said he believes that they should focus on approving voting members that are focused on the true farming interests at heart to prevent voting that negatively impacts the farming community.

**MOTION:** Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Dana Estensen to approve all as marked, with exception of Greaves which should be moved to supporting. **Motion Passed.**

John Zielinski was excited to see so many new members!

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Membership approval**

This issue was reported on above.

##### **Solar Farming Work Group**

Dylan talked to Joe Fenemore said they are working on putting together a list of stake holders to talk to and will reach out when more information is available.

##### **Willamette County Music**

Dylan reported the attorneys are hashing out issues with roads. They do know the 2018 event is in Brownsville. Dylan invited George Meyers son-in-law to present about the status of the music festival in the county, but he was unable to attend due to farming commitments.

#### **President's Report**

Dylan Wells said that road construction is beginning in his area and the road survey is now closed.

#### **New Business**

##### **IMIS Access Memo**

Country is going to allow one person to access their membership database and would like each county to delegate who would be the point person. John thinks it is something the association managers should have access to. Dylan agrees.

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Dana Estensen seconded that Ingalls and Associates be the designated person for IMIS access. **Motion passed.**

#### **2019 AFBF Annual Save the Date**

The American Farm Bureau Federation will be having their annual meeting January 11-16, 2019 in New Orleans, LA celebrating its hundredth anniversary. John Zielinski proposed that new board members, or board members who have previously not attended the AFBF annual meeting, have priority when deciding who will attend from Marion County Farm Bureau. Oregon Farm Bureau has asked for counties to declare their level of interest so they can make arrangements with regard to hotel room reservations. Dylan Wells also noted the AFBF is looking for speakers. Bruce Chapin said he would like this to be continued to be talked about in future meetings.

#### **Western Resources Legal Center Letter** – Thank you letter received by board

**OFB Volcanos Baseball Game**– Oregon Farm Bureau is sponsoring an event at the Volcanoes Baseball game on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. John Zielinski is spearheading an effort to improve event turn out and marketing. He is looking for sponsors so there will be no cost for tickets or food. They currently have sponsorship from Country Financial, George Pack, Western Ag, Aldrich Advisors, Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt, and has others on deck that haven't committed yet. John Zielinski is wondering if the home county farm bureau is interested in being a sponsor. Dylan would like to have a facebook event to promote it as a member benefit. Dana is wondering if its exclusively for members, John said members will have priority, but thinks friends of members will be welcome. Dylan wants to know if they can be served in the party patio John Zielinski said he would look into it. Dylan Wells would like the event to be promoted in the newsletter. Sponsorship form attached herein.

**MOTION:** Greg moved and Bruce seconded to sponsor at a silver level. **Motion passed.**

### **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells /Annie Krahmer)** – Dylan Wells said that he is looking at dates and would like to plan for the meeting to be from mid-October to beginning of December. John suggested it be before Thanksgiving. The group agreed they like Oregon Gardens as a location for the event. The committee will be reaching out to Oregon Gardens to find available dates. Dylan Wells also mentioned they would like to have a band perform during the event. Jill Ingalls suggested Joe Stoddard and said she would follow up with him to see if he is available. Dylan Wells said he would like to consider making this event a themed event to drive new energy with regard to the annual meeting.

**Scholarship (Dana Estensen/ Lisa Stone/ Kathleen Carl)** – Dana Estensen reported the committee met and made decisions. The committee was very happy about the money they were able to distribute. There was talk about tightening up the scholarship language in order to make it a benefit to the Marion County Farm Bureau membership body. She was prepared to announce the winners but held off on announcing winners due to a new scholarship application that was received late, but post marked on time. She said she would announce the winners at the next board meeting.

**MOTION:** John moved and Bruce Chapin seconded that the committee publicize winners upon completion of their decision. **Motion Passed.**

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

**Water committee** – Matt Schuster attended the water committee meeting. During the meeting they talked about Place-Based Planning. Place-Based Water Planning was implemented through the legislature and expires next legislative session. The handout explaining Place-Based Water Planning from the State of Oregon Water Resources Department is attached herein. Harney Co would like to see support from the state farm bureau in the implementation of this planning structure. The concern the farm bureau foresees is that their policy supports maintaining that senior water right holders have priority over junior holders, however the policy also supports voluntary action. Matt stated that Mary Ann will be getting back to Harney County on how the Oregon Farm Bureau could support them in this situation.

Matt reported that Tumalo wanted support for transferring water. Last year the Farm Bureau was hesitant to support their request because the consequences to the state as a whole were unknown. That issue died in legislation. Since then the Department of Water Resources decided storage right is different than a surface water right and a ground water right. Mary Ann spoke with some water attorneys and they said their interpretation is different and that hasn't been the case before within the state. The Department of Water Resources said they are open to interpretation and would welcome the attorney's input in understanding or reinterpreting the statute. The preference is to work with the Department of Water Resources to reach an improved interpretation. The other option is to open it up to legislation in 2019, which the farm bureau sees as an unnecessary risk.

During the meeting they also discussed dam safety. The policy for dam safety has not been updated since 1929. They recognize there is a need to update dam safety while proposing new legislative concepts, but would like to see the inspections be for the dam only and not the surrounding areas. Matt thinks it's an issue worth keeping an eye on.

The last issue talked about was about exempt water use. The issue was raised because there is a dairy going bankrupt in Boardman that appeared to be abusing their right to water. The dairy they felt the water they were using to water their cows was considered exempt due to the stock watering exemption. Upon hearing this a representative in the state and environmentalists want to take stock watering out of exemptions. The Farm Bureau is going to fight this from being excluded within the exemption because they feel farmers as a whole would be punished for the questionable actions of one. Bruce Chapin suggested using caution when addressing this issue because farming is changing and therefore there may be issues. He pointed out that lots of economic

factors play a role nowadays that didn't when this legislation was enacted. Matt agreed that there may be some language changed to differentiate between different types of livestock farming (ie. Feed lots, dairies, and field grazing).

Matt also met with Nick Wyman from the hazelnut extension at the utility water users association meeting. He noted that some in the meeting pointed to farming as a primary source of water pollution, to which he responded that is incorrect and most of it is actually coming from the cities. He said he was going to send info to Matt that shows data on the source of the majority of water contamination.

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

John Zielinski said he is hoping that county leader surveys were filled out. There will be a Board Meeting next Wednesday and Thursday that he will be attending. He asked if anyone has any concerns that they would like brought up. Roger DeJager wants to know what is happening with the Goose Depredation Committee? Dylan Wells was wondering about annual convention and if there is a committee or if they would like involvement from the host county?

**YF&R Report** – Anne Krahmer – not present

**Women's Advisory Council** – Jessie DeJager – no report

**June Agenda Items**

Information on state annual meeting planning

July meeting decision?

Promote state annual meeting in newsletter

Meeting adjourned 8:08

**NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2018**

[Membership Report 5/3/2018](#)

2018 Goal: 604 members    Renewed: 452 (74.8%)

Needed: 152