



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: January 8, 2020 – 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	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anne Krahmer	X										
Bruce Chapin	X										
Dana Estensen	X										
Dylan Wells	X										
Greg Bennett	X										
Jessie DeJager	X										
Joe Ruef	X										
John Zielinski	X										
Kathleen Carl	X										
Keith Ditchen	-										
Lisa Stone	X										
Matt Dunbar	X										
Richard Hostetter	X										
Stuart Olson	X										

Present:

James Hutches
 Reynold Gardner
 Elise Gardner
 Izzy Gauvin
 Michele Finicle

Brooke Boatner
 Lindsey Boatner
 Joey Boatner
 Mike Gauvin
 Scott Ingalls

Staff

Caitlin Koenig

The meeting was called to order by President Dylan Wells at 6:30pm

Introductions – Dylan asked that everyone introduce themselves and state where and what they farm. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker: Reynold Gardner – Bethany Public Charter School

Students from Bethany Public Charter School presented a grant request to the board in an effort to raise funds for a “FarmBot” garden. The students gave a power point presentation and answered questions from the board about their plan.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: The board reviewed the Minutes of December 18, 2019 Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Carl and seconded by Lisa Stone to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion Passed.

Financial Report: No report available as the bank statement had yet to be received.

Membership Approvals:

Stefani Evers – Voting
Kay Freund – Voting
Ray Gannon – Voting
Jonathan Jansinksi – Voting
Jeremy Mitchell – Voting
Robert Annen – Supporting
Jacob Metzger – Supporting
Blake Nelson – Supporting
Stephanie Wells – Supporting

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Lisa Stone seconded that all members listed above be changed to voting with the exception of Stephanie Wells and Jacob Metzger. **Motion Passed.**

Old Business:

Candidate Interviews – After some discussion, it was agreed that candidate interviews should be delayed until after the primaries have narrowed the candidates down. Primaries are in May which leaves little time to do endorsements.

Labor- Dylan stated that he had reached out to Gail Greenman for further explanation about why Oregon Farm Bureau isn't breaking from AFBF similar to how California and New York did in response to their stance on the proposed labor legislation. Dylan said the state (OFB) does not want to break away from the national (AFBF) because they believe they will need some leverage of support from national in the coming year. Dylan added that he doesn't expect the state to take action because it looks like there is already support in the legislature; as it has passed the house and is headed to the senate. It is scheduled to be heard in committee, but no date set yet.

President's Report – Dylan mentioned the SAIF Ag Banquet is coming up and a table had been reserved. Dylan relayed a call he received from Matt Schuster in regards to the solar array installed on his farm. Matt said that PUC rules have prevented him from allowing the power to be distributed to other meters on the property and pointed out that it does not make sense to have a small array at each meter. Dylan said that Matt requested support in finding a viable solution.

MOTION: Bruce Chapin moved and John Zielinski seconded that Samantha be able to investigate this issue further and pursue a solution. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

Riley Davis FFA Request – No action.

Membership Mailer – The board reviewed the mass mailer quote from Eagle Press and discussed the proposal. Dylan said he would like to see the committee develop the mailer and have the lists marketed in a targeted fashion. John said he would like to work on the design aspect. Dana said she would work on paring down the list to a more accurate representation of potential members by removing duplicates. Dylan said he would work on paring down the list as well.

MCFB Committee Reports

Membership Committee (Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl) – No additional report.

Budget Committee (Dylan Wells/Kathleen Carl/Richard Hostetter) – No report.

Scholarship (Dana Estensen/Lisa Stone/Kathleen Carl) – Dana reported that the committee discussed some changes in language they would like to make to the applications; including: "postmarked" instead of "received by", allowing for graduate level applicants, and removing a repetitive question. She said she will send the edits to Caitlin for updating and solicitation.

Safety Training Committee (*Keith Ditchen*) – No report was made, but Dylan did ask for additional committee members. James Hutches and Dana Estensen said they may be interested, but not decided.

Ag Tour (*Dana Estensen/Stuart Olson/Lisa Stone*) – There was continued discussion about trying to get legislators to be on the bus. Dana offered some suggestions and the board discussed farm tour options. Some of the operations discussed were: bees, hemp, holly farm, cut flowers, hop farm (Smith).

Finance Committee (*Richard Hostetter/ Kathleen Carl/John Zielinski/Dylan Wells*) – Dylan said he would like to set a meeting with the finance committee before the February meeting.

OFB Advisory Committees – Bruce Chapin stated that the aggregate committee met and not much happened. He also encouraged more to join the aggregate committee.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski – no report

YF&R Report – *Matt Dunbar* - Matt Dunbar reported that the 3rd annual state leadership conference was not fully attended, but all sessions went very well. He stated that the annual planning meeting will be coming up next month and will be happening in Salem at the OFB building. During that meeting they will be cleaning up the YF & R room. He also reported that the meeting at Salishan was quick and involved elections. He said not many seats changed and two stepped down. He also stated that during budget committee meeting, some expenses were cut to be able to stay on budget.

Women's Advisory Council – *Jessie DeJager* – Jessie reminded the board about the Legislative Days Event at Capitol on February 3 and said there will be a private reception on the 3rd floor of the Capitol with cake hosted by WAC. She passed out the flyer and said the deadline to RSVP is January 20. Dylan said it is a good event and encouraged board members to attend.

Discussion:

First Taste Oregon - Scott Ingalls invited the board to First Taste Oregon happening January 24-25 at the fairgrounds in Salem.

Bethany Public Charter School

MOTION: Dana Estensen moved and Kathleen Carl seconded to donate \$500 to Betheny Charter School to support their FarmBot Project. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.