



# Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: May 8, 2019 – 6:30pm

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

**Oregon Farm Bureau**  
**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	-	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	-							
Jessie DeJager	-	X	-	X	X							
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	X							
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X							
Kathleen Carl	X	X	X	X	-							
Keith Ditchen	-	-	-	X	-							
Lisa Stone	-	X	X	X	X							
Matt Dunbar	-	X	-	X	-							
Matt Schuster	X	X	X	X	X							
Stuart Olson	X	X	-	X	X							

**Guest:** Richard Hofsteddar

**Staff:** Caitlin Koenig  
 Jill Ingalls

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by president Dylan Wells.

### Consent Agenda

Minutes of April 10, 2019 Meeting

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Lisa Stone seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Board vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

### Financial Report

Dylan read off cleared checks and deposits since last meeting.

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Lisa Stone seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Board vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Lisa Stone seconded a motion to revise and update authorized financial signers including banking, contracting and investment accounts to remove Keith Ditchen and add Matt Schuster. Board vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

### Membership Approvals:

Jeremy Cearley – Supporting  
Jace Anderson – Voting

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved and Dana Estensen seconded to accept members as presented. Board vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

### **Old Business:**

**Canola** – No updates or changes reported.

**Long Term Planning – SWOT** – Dylan would like to schedule an in-depth meeting to focus on areas of interest in the fall.

**SMART Goal Setting** – Goals discussed were:

- Dylan said he would like to see a review of contributions/sponsorship/donations and have a goal for more focused advance planning. Matt Schuster agreed.
- John said he would like to see an emphasis on membership accrual and retention. He identified how this goal would adhere to the SMART plan.
  - Focus on family members added, not just figure head.
- Website improvement
- Committees to be made up of a minimum of 3 people; only 1 board member required and others at-large to be on committee.
- Improve digital outreach – achieve at least 50% membership to receive FarmGram via email.
- Sponsor one more OFB event.
- Develop a finance committee and/or executive committee to review and maximize financial investments and provide guidance.
- Improve public official/candidate participation at board meetings.

### **President's Report**

Dylan traveled to Boardman and the Port of Morrow and learned about how they are being successful in working with funding from state sources and collaborating with private/public investments. He saw an industrial reclaimed water program and learned how it is benefiting farmers. He said the reclaimed water program is supplementing ground water shortages and as a result they are seeing ground water levels increasing. He said the example they are setting with regard to working with private industry was encouraging. He also discussed their plans for moving development of a new rail and movement of oil via the Columbia. They are trying to increase Oregon's water rights to the Columbia as the needs are minimal and there would not be an impact on the next dam. He said Idaho and Washington pull from the Columbia in far greater amounts.

### **New Business**

**Kirk Burkholder** – Kirk was an Albany farmer and part of the REAL Oregon 2<sup>nd</sup> class. He was in a farming accident this past weekend and died as a result. He was the sole provider for his family and a GoFundMe has been set up to help the family. There has also been a scholarship fund established at Santiam Christian School to assist in his children's education costs. Bruce Chapin suggested MCFB provide some kind of financial assistance to the children's education fund. The board agreed to revisit this at the next meeting as more information about the family's needs becomes available.

**Marion County Road Safety** – Karl Dettwyler approached Dylan about signs on the roadway from MCSO regarding ag equipment on the roadway. He reported that he met with MCSO and NW Farm Credit and asked if the MCFB had funds to support ag/road safety. Dylan said he is hoping to be able to make it to a meeting about road safety and learn how MCFB could help. John said he participated in an ag safety video campaign two years ago, but hasn't heard anything since. Dylan said current activities are focusing on signs. He said he will let the board know when a meeting is scheduled and if he hears anything more from Karl.

### **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee** (Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl) - Dana is still working on developing the member welcome letter. Caitlin will send a member report to all board members with expired members and current member list.

**Scholarship Committee** (Dana Estensen/Lisa Stone/Kathleen Carl) Dana reported that the scholarship committee had convened and decided on winners. She said she will write something up. Winners are as follows:

**Mary Petzel Memorial Scholarship**

Megan Walton - \$1000  
Abigail Berhorst - \$1000  
Kristina Telepanko - \$1000  
Juniper Cosner - \$500

**Scott Miller Memorial Scholarship:**

Taysha Veeman - \$1500  
Sofia Zielinski - \$1500  
Turner Lear - \$1000  
Grace McCarthy - \$1000

**MOTION:** Matt Schuster moved and Joe Ruef seconded that the board approve the committee's recommendations for scholarship awards. Board vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. John Zielinski abstained due to conflict of interest. **Motion passed.**

**OFB Advisory Committees** (reports from members who have attended an OFBF advisory committee)  
Stuart Olson reported that the Labor Committee had a meeting. Stuart said it was difficult and that Samantha and Jenny reported some very big challenges on the horizon, such as family leave, no exemptions for agriculture thus far, and labor union pressure is raising above Ag needs.

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

John asked that members tell him what issues the board would like to bring up to the state board meeting taking place next week. Issues discussed were:

- Loophole in the agritourism limited liability coverage. There is a recent issue of someone being injured on a slide at a farm.
- Burkholder update.
- Fur issue – currently nothing in the OFB policy book.
- Improvements on action alerts reaching desired recipient (ie opponents)

John informed the board that Ag Appreciation Day at the Volcanoes baseball game will be July 28. He is working on soliciting sponsorships and asked the board to think of potential sponsors he could/should approach. He is also working on developing a committee to work on the annual meeting and ways to improve it. He would like the committee to be made up of the immediate past, present, and immediate future county annual meeting hosts that would be a perpetual group. John reported that the public policy team is doing well in the face of a really difficult session.

**YF&R Report** – Matt Dunbar – no report

**Women's Advisory Council** – Jessie DeJager

Jessie said she felt AgFest was a success. Dana said that she and Bruce gave a presentation on hazelnuts and felt it went really well. Bruce said he felt there was real value in giving the presentation and emphasized the importance of educating youth. Jessie said there were almost 20000 attendees this year.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items**

More time for John Zielinski report  
Invite Joel from Kuedell Morrison to come and present.  
Check on Kurt Schrader availability

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm