



Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: September 11, 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	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anne Krahmer	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X			
Bruce Chapin	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X			
Dana Estensen	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X			
Dylan Wells	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Greg Bennett	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X			
Jessie DeJager	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	-			
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-			
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Kathleen Carl	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	X			
Keith Ditchen	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X			
Lisa Stone	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Matt Dunbar	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-			
Matt Schuster	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Stuart Olson	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
Richard Hostetter							-	X			

Present

Jace Anderson, MCFB Member
Betsy Verhoeven, Marion County Extension Division
James Hutches, Country Financial
Samuel Schuster

John Zielinski arrived at 7:25pm.

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

Consent Agenda

Minutes of August 14, 2019 Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Bruce Chapin seconded by Lisa Stone to approve the minutes as presented. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0. **Motion Passed.**

Financial Report

The board was presented with the July 2019 balance sheet and P&L statement in their agenda packet. Jill Ingalls read the August recent bank statement balance numbers to the board.

MOTION: Moved by Bruce Chapin and seconded by Kathleen Carl to receive as presented. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0. **Motion Passed.**

Membership Approvals:

Chris Ricard – Voting
Satish Lohchab – Supporting

Sayla Elsbree-Kraft – Supporting

MOTION: Kathleen Carl moved and Greg Bennett seconded to accept the members as presented. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 9, No: 0, Abstain: 1. **Motion Passed.**

Old Business:

Resolutions & ByLaws

The board reviewed the proposed mink resolution and discussed the proper wording choice to convey their concern.

MOTION: Moved by Greg Bennett and seconded by Bruce Chapin change the wording of the resolution proposal to: “We support the responsible farming and sale of fur and hides”. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0. **Motion Passed.**

Water Modernization –Dylan met with Marion County Economic Development with Mary Ann and Greg Wolf from the Association of Oregon Counties. Marion County is looking into a water. Identified that there is not a good central area to keep track of water and irrigation districts. Aware of the Detroit Dam issue. Mercury TMDL talked about. Agreed that water rights need to be reevaluated to protect water rights and not punish for conservation. Dylan asked that anyone with a “good water story” to share that with Ann Marie. Marion County is trying to figure out needs and wants in preparation for 2020 already dubbed the “Year of Water”.

The county recognizes that there is a data hole and missing pieces to be able to address with accuracy.

Stuart is concerned about urban encroachment on farms due to big houses being built with landscaping that are taking more water than allowed from the water right holders.

Stuart suggested the Marion County Water master come to a meeting. Greg suggested that along with the water conservation, that drainage also needs to be addressed. Dylan said he would let the board know next time there is a meeting and asked that they help identify people who should

President’s Report – Dylan informed the board of a lawsuit against Tillamook Dairy claiming false advertising because they are buying milk from 3 Mile Canyon farm. The lawsuit also claims that having a picture of a cow on grass in their advertising is misleading because 3 Mile Dairy is not on pasture. Dylan urged board members get their friends and neighbors signed up.

New Business:

Agro Awards – Dylan asked if everyone received the update from Tiffany. He urged everyone to review the packet. Dana asked that everyone send in how often they testified at the capital to help with compiling pertinent info for the applications.

Budget – Dylan reported the finance committee has met twice now. Pointed out that the budget is a working document and can be amended at any point. He stated that he has been made aware by Mary Ann that there may be some legal battles coming up next year as it pertains to water. Dylan highlighted the changes made to the budget; especially calling attention to the increase in funds allotted to increase involvement on the national level. Would like to see a steady voice from the bureau being heard. Also increased budget for DC. There was not a trip for 2019 so no money was spent. Dylan also said he would like to pay more attention to the dues/sponsorship/contributions and potentially reconsider some of those. The board discussed budgeting concerns and planning ahead. Kathleen said she would like to see flexibility to give when we see the need arise. Bruce reminded everyone they are not a business.

Dylan would like to see the budget be approved soon and would like to get some planning done. Bruce suggested that the Tier Expense be changed to be called a donation because it was historically supposed to be 80% of what the tier income. Matt suggested that the title change be delayed until policy be determined.

MOTION: Kathleen Carl moved and Bruce Chapin seconded to accept the budget as presented. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 1. **Motion Passed.**

John Zielinski arrived during the tail end of the budget discussion.

Denim and Diamonds Afterparty Sponsor – Dylan said he was approached by OFB about being co-sponsor to AgLink’s Denim and Diamonds Afterparty. He asked if the board would like to co-sponsor because this event is being held in Salem and many county members are likely to attend.

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Keith Ditchen seconded that the board co-sponsor the Denim and Diamonds Afterparty for \$750. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 11, No: 0, Abstain: 0. **Motion Passed.**

NORPAC – Dylan said he has reached out to farmers for comment on the recent bankruptcy filing, but no one has responded. He stated this is very concerning because there are quite a few members that are being hit hard.

MCFB Committee Reports

Membership Committee (Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl) – Dylan asked that everyone sign someone up. Even if it is just supporting.

Annual Meeting Committee (Dylan Wells/Anne Krahmer) – The meeting is set for November 19 at the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum in Brooks. More details coming soon.

Finance Committee (Dylan Wells/John Zielinski/Kathleen Carl/Richard Hostetter/Matt Schuster) – After reviewing the finances, Dylan stated the finance committee would like to move some of the CDs in order to receive a more competitive rate. The committee also would also like to have a cash flow analysis done so they don't have too much money sitting in checking and not making money.

OFB Advisory Committees (reports from members who have attended an OFBF advisory committee)
No report

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski

John Zielinski had just concluded 3 days of state board meetings. The topics discussed were:

- Budgeting concerns due to Country Financial contribution not being as high as expected.
- Crop Watch – bee keeper and applicators are able to log in to see where there are activities are in order to avoid contamination and possible bee death. Totally voluntary.
- Need for gross receipts tax refinement
- Expect - Carbon to be hot in legislature, initiative petitions mainly dealing with pesticides and water.
- Lots of people not compliant with Oregon Saves. Deadline coming up Nov 15th. James Hutches stated he has a presentation about it and suggested he could offer it to members.
- Important to have a discrimination and harassment policy in their employee handbook.
- WAC would like to know how much each county donated to RMH.
- OFB would like to be informed if ODA is overreaching.
- Willamette River Reallocation – is a mess. It was initially designed for flood protection and agriculture. Now NMFS is saying the fish should get it all. Mary Ann said it would be better if the whole project were shelved.
- Streaked Horned lark – would like to see a new study with smaller regions so that the impact is focused.
- OFB sponsored hunt on private land for elk.
- A wildfire legislative committee has been developed.
- Sharon Waterman will not be seeking reelection.

YF&R Report – Matt Dunbar

No report

Women's Advisory Council – Jessie DeJager

No report

November Board Meeting

MOTION: John Zielinski moved and Greg Bennett seconded that the November meeting be held immediately before the annual meeting. Vote by raise of hand, Yes: 11, No: 0, Abstain: 0. **Motion Passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.