



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: October 10, 2018 – 6:30pm

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Board Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	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	X		
Greg Bennett	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Jessie DeJager		-	X	-	-	-		X	-	X		
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	-	X		X	-	X		
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Kathleen Carl	X	X	X	X	-	X		-	X	X		
Keith Ditchen	X	X	X	-	-	X		-	-	X		
Lisa Stone	X	X	X	X	-	X		-	X	X		
Matt Schuster	X	X	-	X	X	-		X	X	-		
Roger DeJager	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	-	X		
Stuart Olson	X	X	-	X	-	X		-	X	X		

Present:

- Jill Ingalls
- Caitlin Koenig
- Matt Dunbar
- Howard Calcagno

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

Special Guest: Howard Calcagno of Howard Calcagno Farms

Howard introduced himself to the board and talked about his experience with H2a program and recent experience with the FDA claiming his produce tested positive for Cyclospora.

Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the minutes of September 12, 2018 Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Lisa Stone to approve minutes as presented.
Motion passed.

The financial report was presented by Jill Ingalls in an abbreviated capacity because the bank statement had not been received before the meeting. Jill also aired concerns about the previous CPA that had been used and suggested the board consider finding a new CPA. Jill said she would bring some alternate CPA options to the board.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Kathleen Carl that the financial report be tabled and revisited before the annual meeting on November 6, 2018 at 6pm in lieu of having a board meeting November 14. **Motion passed.**

Membership Approvals:

Phillip Haworth – Voting

MOTION: Moved by Stuart Olson and seconded by Keith Ditchen to accept member as presented. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Solar Farming Work Group

John Zielinski said the work group has finished introductions and is now working on discussing solutions. John stated that Bruce Chapin wrote an excellent proposal in regards to soil classifications and farming percentages allowing for an in. John said he expects the next meeting will be working on hammering out the details and thinks most if not all aspects of the MCFB recommendations will be accepted. Dylan feels that the solar work group is really receptive to the suggestions being presented by MCFB. Dylan said MCFB is the only group that has actually submitted any recommendations or proposals.

Agro Awards

Dana Estensen is working on it and would like help. Dylan asked that anyone with info please pass it along to Dana.

OFB Resolutions, Board Action Requests, and Proposed Bylaws changes

Dylan asked if any one has a strong feeling about any of the resolutions that they email staff or himself. Dylan explained that the policy is for OFB to understand how the membership wants to go forward in regards to lobbying. The board discussed proposed changes and how they interpreted each one and what they generally feel about the proposed changes to be sure the delegates had a good feel of how the board would like to be represented at the OFB annual conference.

Motion: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Kathleen Carl to submit bylaws change as presented. **Motion Passed.**

The board discussed who would be their delegates for the OFB annual conference and decided on:

- Dylan Wells
- Keith Ditchen
- Kathleen Carl
- Matt Schuster

with the alternates being:

- Bruce Chapin
- Dana Estensen
- Annie Krahmer

President's Report

Dylan would like to get a budget committee together and asked if anyone would like to serve. He also asked if the board has input on additions to the budget that they let him know. Dylan said he would like new logo shirts and hats for board members. He said he would also like a line item for board development that would cover advocacy training for board members. Dylan would like to see more community involvement with MCFB. He said he would like to see the budget reflect that vision and further highlight MCFB's priorities. John Zielinski suggested they have a presentation by a facilitator that guides a goal planning session to help the board identify areas they would like to expand or initiate their presence. Dylan said he would send out some emails to see when the budget committee could sit down and figure things out and will go from there.

New Business

Presidential Succession

Dylan Wells directed the board to review the memo from Dave Dillon attached in the board packet and reiterated that Sharon Waterman is now the acting president of OFB.

SAI Fund Request

The board initially thought this was covered by the budget and therefore did not need a vote. Jill Ingalls pointed out that this request had already been fulfilled in the 2018 budget and therefore would need a new budget to proceed to fund requests without a full board vote.

MOTION: Moved by John Zielinski and seconded by Kathleen Carl that the board continue to function under the current budget until the new budget is drafted. **Motion passed.**

PGE issue

Keith Ditchen told the board he has recently run into issues with PGE and egregious billing. He reported that when it comes to scheduling pole replacements with PGE they routinely have their crew work overtime because they don't want to work it into their schedule making the pole replacement very expensive for the land owner. Keith said that when he turned this claim into his insurance agent, the agent reported they have had quite a few of these claims with similar circumstances recently. John suggested this concern be brought up with either the energy commission or PGE. Dylan said he has a contact with PGE that will be retiring soon and will ask him who the board should contact to find a better solution. Dylan suggested Keith may want to file a claim with the utilities commission.

MCFB Committee Reports

MCFB Annual Meeting (Dylan Wells /Annie Krahrmer)

Dylan reported he is working on the agenda and annual report.

Membership Committee (Dylan Wells/Greg Bennet/Kathleen Carl)

Dylan directed board members to look at the unpaid membership report attached in the packet and contact any members they may know with unpaid dues and encourage them to renew. Dylan told the board they met and exceeded their membership goal for the year. He asked staff to research who won the membership drive so prizes could be awarded.

CPR/Propane Handling/Forklift Training Committee (Matt Schuster/Keith Ditchen)

Keith Ditchen says he will work on getting the training scheduled.

OFB Annual Meeting (John Zielinski)

No Report

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

Greg Bennett attended a water committee meeting the previous week. He said they will be opposing stream flow gages. He said they are staying current and continuing conversation on water storage transfers and the Lost Valley Dairy waste water issue. He said herbicides near the waterways has become a new challenge – now they are recommending ditches be dipped instead of sprayed. He said they are working on drafting language to not put the responsibility or burden on the drainage district if water quality is bad. Drainage district is working on language will be drafted to not put burden on district if quality of water being dumped into the district does not meet quality standards.

Kathleen Carl attended the land use meeting via phone call. She reported that the majority of the meeting was used to discuss issues to bring up at the annual meeting. She said they also discussed outdoor mass gatherings, but nothing was decided. Kathleen reported she had a hard time hearing the conference during the call in.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski

No report

YF&R Report – Anne Krahrmer

Matt Dunbar reported the 2018 YF&R leadership conference will be in Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond and will be held in November 9-11, 2018. He said he has seen a lot of excitement around the YF&R Conference. He said last year the cap was at 60 attendees and this year they expanded the cap to 100. Matt said he has been working on

sponsorships for the conference and has seen quite a bit of interest. He said YF&R is working to prove their financial independence from county farm bureaus, but the opportunity is there if the counties want to sponsor the leadership conference. He said they are also seeing quite a bit of interest in the Coyote Hunt Fundraiser. Matt reported YF&R had their tractor driving event at the State Fair, while he wasn't present for that, he said they did their buckle presentation the same day and participants were quite pleased with that.

Women's Advisory Council – Jessie DeJager

Jessie reported that the Women's Advisory Council made dirt babies in red barn at the State Fair and it was an overall successful event.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

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