



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”
 Board Meeting; March 11, 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	X	X								
Bruce Chapin	X	X	X								
Dana Estensen	X	X	X								
Dylan Wells	X	X	X								
Greg Bennett	X	-	X								
Jessie DeJager	X	-	X								
Joe Ruef	X	X	X								
John Zielinski	X	X	X								
Kathleen Carl	X	-	X								
Keith Ditchen	-	X	-								
Lisa Stone	X	X	X								
Matt Dunbar	X	X	-								
Richard Hostetter	X	X	X								
Stuart Olson	X	X	-								

Guests:

Gaby Coleman
 Sam Coleman
 Brenda Knobloch
 Aileen Kaye
 Barb Iverson
 Roger DeJager

Staff:

Jill Ingalls
 Macy Henderson
 Ashley Christie

President Dylan Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Announcements and Introductions – Caitlin Koenig has resigned due to health reasons. Ashley Christie will be new contact. Dylan asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves, where, and what they farm.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from February 12, 2020 Meeting.

Motion: Richard Hostetter moved to accept the minutes as presented and Lisa Stone seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

Financial Report: Jill Ingalls announced that along with balance sheet and profit/loss reports a new check detail highlighting cleared checks will be in meeting packets at Dylan’s request.

Motion: John Zielinski moved to accept the financial report as presented and Kathleen Carl seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

Membership Approvals:

Betsy Earls – Supporting
D'Annie Ford – Voting
Patricia Gerig – Voting
John Rinerson – Voting
Eric Wavra – Supporting
Mark Wiesner – Voting
John Zielinski – Voting
Jeremy Zuidema – Supporting

Motion: Richard Hostetter moved to approve all applicants as slated and Lisa Stone seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

Old Business

Membership Mailer – Dylan needs to compile comments to finish. A new photo was also taken after the meeting.

President's Report

County Farm Bureau presidents met Feb. 17. Discussed program ideas and funding in each county. Ex. Harney County organizing Tractor Driving Class for high schoolers. YF&R National Conference cancelled due to COVID-19. Ideas well accepted all around.

Attended Young Leaders Meeting in Woodburn with Mayor, a local leader, and Rep. Teresa Alonzo. Dylan was able to request a meeting with her and invited her on the Ag Tour. Most of the meeting was about immigration. Questions about ICE and what it means to be a Sanctuary State. Alonzo spoke about bills she passed. Dylan asked where some of the immigration laws come from. Most are federal. Important to reach out to state and federal reps about reform you'd like to see.

Met March 10 with Karl Dettwyler, Commissioner Cameron, Sheriff Joe Cast, three sergeants, and the undersheriff, to discuss what they're seeing in rural crime. Sheriff's office has the funding and trying to staff as quickly as they can. Officers are being promoted leaving openings behind but have applicants to fill. Major takeaway: call in any suspicious activity. New phone system can pinpoint callers and use data to find areas with most illegal activity. Also, cameras are inexpensive and can help DA build cases. Ag Watch on facebook also a useful tool. Other topics discussed: FSMA and entering fields to pick foods. Bicyclists, races, and rural events. Roads in French Prairie area and placing officers there to cut down on speeders. Rep. Lewis passed bill in 2019 to help zombie homes on farms; went into effect Jan. 1, 2020. GPod is vacant and there is discussion to reopen. It would provide 128 additional beds for prisoner housing. Next meeting will be in June on Dettwyler Farm.

New Business

2020 DCFB Youth Entrepreneur Grant – Douglas County grant for high schooler's in 4H/FFA with agricultural business plan. They're awarded \$1,000-\$1,500 for specific equipment for their business. Brings youth into the bureau. Hostetter wondered if bureau follows up with recipient.

Website landing page – Mailer purpose is to attract new members and drive to website. Current site uses Wordpress and out of date. Jill Ingalls reached out to Dan Kinney for new basic site. He quoted \$1,000 for new site or \$200-\$300 for just a new landing page.

Motion: Kathleen Carl moved to approve a complete new site and Dana Estensen seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

County to County assistance request: P&E Trust Conference – If conference happens would like to send \$450 to Chelsea Card to send to P&E Trust Conference in Indiana.

Motion: Kathleen Carl makes a motion to approve. Hostetter requests amendment that if rescheduled a new vote is not needed. Dana Estensen seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

OFB Memorial Scholarship – Barb Iverson presented. Holly and Troy Michaels are running and organizing the program. In our books as OAEF Memorial Scholarship and there was some confusion. \$1000 is budgeted but not paid in 2019 because of mislabeling. Book labels changed to reflect correct name.

MCFB Committee Reports

Ag Tour (Dana Estensen/Stuart Olson/Lisa Stone)

There have been 16 sign-ups. Emails, reminder to last year's participants, facebook events and boosted posts, and invitations to legislatures all gone out. There is room for 40-45 people to tour 5 stops in Woodburn/St. Paul area. Estensen will create detailed itinerary.

Finance (Dylan Wells/Stuart Olson/Richard Hostetter/John Zielinski/Kathleen Carl/Matt Schuster)

We received proposal from Kuedell/Morrison but going back with questions. Also asking for proposal from Country Financial. Hostetter would like to see a monthly update/report from company.

Safety Training Committee (Keith Ditchen/Dana Estensen)

CPR class set-up, six attendees signed-up. Looking for Spanish instructor. Need to start planning in November for next year. Jill Ingalls wondered if there was a minimum for the CPR class or if we'd need to cancel.

Scholarship Committee (Dana Estensen/Kathleen Carl/Lisa Stone)

Scholarship applications on website for high school seniors and progressing college students.

OFB Advisory Committees

Zielinski testified at ODA Board of Ag and asked to delay decision on Resolution 310. Discussing agritourism and farm stands. Board opted to table until June meeting in French Glen. Upcoming land use meeting postponed because of staff health and safety.

OFBF District 15 Director's report – John Zielinski

No report

YF&R Report – Matt Dunbar

Upcoming FFA convention, bureau buys Kindle Fire to give away but hasn't been purchased yet. Convention likely to be cancelled.

Women's Advisory Council – Jessie DeJager

Going with Oregonians for Food and Shelter March 18 to deliver food to houses in Portland. Has \$600 for donation.

Other News

Joe Ruef wonders what Gov. Brown's executive order means and its implications

Kathleen Carl announced the McKay Ag Education Event is looking for financial donation

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm