



**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
 “Bringing Value to our Members”  
 Board Meeting; January 13, 2021 – 6:30pm  
 Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

**Zoom Conference Call**

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	X										
Lisa Stone	X										
Matt Dunbar	-										
Richard Hostetter	X										
Stuart Olson	X										

Staff: Jill Ingalls  
 Ashley Christie

Guests: Ron Lee, Deputy Fire Chief MCFD1  
 Aileen Kaye

President Dylan Wells called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

**Special Presentation**

Ron Lee, Deputy Fire Chief for MCFD1, presented on recent budget cuts. As of November 2020, county fire budget cut by 30%. Had to lay off 12 firefighters and made changes to deployment model because of staff loss. Labish and Four Corners Fire Stations, which have been unoperational are now officially closed. This limits service to public, not as much depth, unable to support smaller, rural communities outside of the district (Silverton, Mt. Angel). Current model in effect until May 2022. Drop in volunteers. Board encouraged Deputy Chief Lee to use us as a resource to get out information if needed.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Board reviewed minutes of December 9, 2020 Meeting

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to accept the minutes as presented; Richard Hostetter seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Financials:** Finance Team has met and will present recommendation at Feb. meeting on what should be done with excess funds in checking account. An error from 2010 is still in books and needs to be amended and reconciled.

**Motion:** Bruce Chapin moved to approve the December financials. Richard Hostetter moves to add amendment that 2010 error be corrected by Feb. meeting. Bruce Chapin accepts friendly amendment. Kathleen Carl seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Old Business**

**OFB Convention:** Convention held over Zoom in Dec. Policies all went well, though Zoom not the best format.



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### Membership

**New Member Applications:** Francis Beitel, Voting  
Kevin Butler, Voting  
David Henze, Voting

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to accept all members as slated. Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

### President's Report

Bills currently in House to ban mink/fur farming; farm bureau working on educating elected officials and find support. Marion County Extension Office struggling with budget issues; New director hired March 2020 would like to be more involved with farm bureau.

Guest Aileen Kaye asked about new county representatives, Brad Witt and Daniele Bethell; raised concerns that they don't know what is important to farm bureau members and our issues. President Wells assured her that he has been in contact with them and they are aware.

### New Business

**Century Farm Program:** In budget to donate \$250 annual to program. Re-evaluating interest in it. Would like to invite program to make presentation at Feb. meeting for update on program and its future.

**Klamath Letter:** Jason Flowers, President Klamath-Lake County Farm Bureau, circulating letter about creation of Racial Equity Taskforce by OFB. Board is unclear on what letter is asking for or what Klamath-Lake would like from us. Board asked to give thoughts to John Zielinski to share at state meeting.

### MCFB Committee Reports

**Finance Committee:** Committee meeting to go over cash balance and identify 1/3 excess to deploy in market. Keudell/Morrison performing reasonably, up 6-7%. They will present plan at Feb. meeting.

### OFB Advisory Committees

**Land Use:** New bill proposed by Dave Honeycutt to allow Ag status of building if it is primarily used for agriculture; concerns that would lead to commercial leasing of their barn; waiting for more information. Bill coming in about allowing day cares in farm zones as a conditional use; committee is opposed. Wildfire risk mapping and rebuilding; committee recommends focusing on rebuilding. Land Use bills coming up on renewable energy and environmental justice.

**Labor:** Met with Alexis Taylor, ODA, and Michael Wood, OSHA, about labor housing.

**Water:** Oregon Water Resources working on getting more funding to their programs. Idea for sub-basin to aid counties that don't have enough water. Want farmers to be able to exchange water without being governed by OWR.

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

Klamath County requesting funds to assist with lawsuit to get more water. Other county FB and ag associations have pledged funds.

**Motion:** Richard Hostetter moved to give \$2,000 to OFB Klamath Refuge Lawsuit, Bruce Chapin seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2021 - Zoom Conference Call**

**Membership Report 1/2/21**

**2021 Goal: 618 members**

**Renewed: 249 (40.29%)**

**Needed: 369**