



Marion County Farm Bureau
 “Bringing Value to our Members”
 Board Meeting; June 9, 2021 – 6:30pm
 Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

BENNETT ONION SHED
3945 Chemawa Rd, Salem

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					
Dylan Wells	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Greg Bennett	X	X	-	X	X	X					
Jessie DeJager	X	X	X	X	-	-					
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	X	X					
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Kathleen Carl	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Keith Ditchen	X	X	-	X	-	X					
Lisa Stone	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Matt Dunbar	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Richard Hostetter	X	X	X	X	-	X					
Stuart Olson	X	X	X	X	X	X					

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

Guests: James Hutches (Country Financial), Casey Stadel, Lee Schurter, Jacen Taylor (OFB), Ben Stone, Kristina McNitt (Oregon Forest and Industries Council), Katie Murray (OFS), Paul Murray, Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson

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

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from May 12, 2021 meeting

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to accept the minutes as presented; Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Financials: Board viewed May financials

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to receive the financials; Lisa Stone seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

OFB Legislative Update – Coming to end of session; few policy bills left, mainly budgets left to vote on.

Intermodal – No update

Advertising Policy – Board reviewed newsletter ad policy and rate schedule created by Ingalls and Associates.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moves to approve the advertising policy and rates; Dana Estensen seconded.

Motion approved unanimously

Spray Drift – Stuart Olson working with Katie Murray of Oregonians for Food and Shelter to develop protocols to help farmers when spray drift ODA warnings and law suits from neighbors are filed. OFS meeting with an attorney to understand what happens and what farmers should do in hopes of creating publication about spray drift and initial steps for farmers. Short and long term projects in works including: getting information out to farmers; creation of program similar to FEELDS with dedicated educated staff; providing technical assistance and outreach; roundtable meeting with ODA to provide feedback and get immediate responses.



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Members Lee Schurter and Casey Stadel currently in lawsuits. Stadel brought copies of ODA's declaratory statement and frustrated that ODA in not following their own policies and refuse to push back against false complaints.

Membership

No new member applications to review. Expired member list provided.

President's Report

Convention Committee meeting June 10. This year's convention in Redmond at Eagle Crest.

New Business

Board Positions/Terms – 4 positions up for re-election this year; Joe Ruef, Dana Estensen, Bruce Chapin, Lisa Stone. Greg Bennett and Kathleen Carl will have served maximum terms allowed.

District 15 Rep. – State Board Representative needed because John Zielinski elected 3rd VP of OFB

Motion: Greg Bennett moves to nominate Bruce Chapin as District 15 Rep.; Dana Estensen seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Off-Season Legislative Events – Dylan encouraged board to invite legislative reps out to farms for tours. Idea of farm-to-table event discussed. Other non-legislative events discussed: Night at Volcano Stadium.

Drought Assistance – Letter from OFB presented asking for information on the impacts of the drought on farmer operations to be presented to ask for federal assistance and drought relief.

MCFB Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – Award checks going out this week

OFB Advisory Committees

Governmental affairs met. Convention committee tomorrow

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Conference call to be scheduled: executive session with staff

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

NEXT MEETING JULY 14, 2021

Location: TBA

Membership Report 6/3/21

2021 Goal: 618 members

Renewed: 496 (80.3%)

Needed: 122

OFB Monthly Member Briefings started in January



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To keep Farm Bureau voting members better informed about what’s going on in Salem and Washington D.C., OFB will host Monthly Member Briefings via Zoom starting in January.

These hour-long meetings will take place **the fourth Friday of the month at 7 a.m.** and will feature OFB Government Affairs staff giving need-to-know updates about the most pressing issues facing Farm Bureau members, with plenty of time for questions.

Join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85271307832>

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 852 7130 7832

Please mark your calendar for these informative briefings!

- Friday, June 25 at 7 a.m.
- Friday, July 23 at 7 a.m.