



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: February 9, 2022 – 6:30pm
Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

OFB Boardroom

1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Minutes

Board Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Greg Bennett	X	X									
Kathleen Carl	X	X									
Bruce Chapin	X	X									
Jessie DeJager	-	X									
Keith Ditchen	-	-									
Dana Estensen	X	X									
Richard Hostetter	X	X									
Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp	-	X									
Stuart Olson	X	X									
Joe Ruef	X	X									
Casey Stadel	X	X									
Dylan Wells	X	X									
Claire Zielinski	X	X									
John Zielinski	X	X									

Guests: Todd Hatley (*NW Farm Credit Union*), Aileen and Roger Kaye (*Friends of Marion County*)

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from Jan. 12, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Kathleen Carl moved to accept the minutes as presented; Joe Ruef seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Financial Reports: Finance committee met with staff to correct historical mistakes for more accurate reports.

Board reviewed January financial report.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to receive the financial reports; John Zielinski seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

By-laws Review – Dana Estensen, Kathleen Carl, and Bruce Chapin will form by-laws committee and meet this spring to review current by-laws. Any changes must be approved by board before being voted on by membership at annual meeting in November.

First Aid/CPR Class – Class will be held March 5 at Silverton CPR. Staff still looking for Spanish language instructor.

ODOT – President reached out to ODOT about contributing an article to March Farm Gram about Donald Interchange (Exit 278).

FFA Sponsorship – Board discussed request for FFA Foundation Sponsorship.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to donate \$1000 to FFA; Kathleen Carl seconded.

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Farm Membership Signs – Sign orders opening up to membership. There will be a big push in March with distribute day and encouragement to share on social media.



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New Director Training – Claire Zielinski, Casey Stadel, Richard Hostetter, and Dana Estensen met with Dave Dillon for new director training. Productive meeting and attendees learned a lot about farm bureau structure, funding, and importance of Country Financial partnership. Estensen also attended New President's Training and learned about the farm bureau name and branding.

Scholarships – Deadline to apply is May 1

Presidents Report

Presidents meeting next week. Very strong showing at Ag Overtime hearing this week. Candidates should all be in by March 10; staff will reach out to candidates after primaries and invite to a meeting. Candidate questionnaire will be reviewed by board at March meeting.

New Business

2022 Oregon Legislature – Board discussed bills being voted on during short session. Ag Overtime is the largest area of concern.

Compost Facility – Board also discussed water contamination at Lake Labish and the potential environmental impact of poisoned run-off by building of compost facility on Portland Rd. County commissioners are aware of the problem.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to direct staff to write letter that Marion County Farm Bureau goes on record as opposed to the location of a compost facility on Portland Rd without further review of environmental impact as it relates to soil and water resources; Kathleen Carl seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Austin Smith Donation – Dylan Wells proposed donation to Smith's gofundme.com fundraiser to help his family cover funeral costs. Austin Smith, a St. Paul volunteer firefighter and farm bureau member, died week before in fire.

Motion: Dylan Wells moved to donate \$2500 to fundraiser; Richard Hostetter seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Membership Meeting – OFB hosting zoom meeting Friday, Feb. 11, to discuss membership drives; Dylan Wells presenting.

Spray Drift – ODA in middle of staffing changes. Will plan to meet with departments after Short Session in March or April.

MCFB Committee Reports

Finance/Budget Committee – Committee met and worked with staff to establish proposed budget. Increases were made to Other Sponsorships/Donations and YF&R fund. Radio Ads and Ronald McDonald House sponsorship moved under WAC. Proposed budget is closer to actual spending.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moves to approve budget; Kathleen Carl seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

OFB Advisory Committees

Land Use, Livestock, Water, Ag Production, Labor, and Wildfire committees all met recently. Land Use opposes HB 4118 on Rural Reserves. Casey Stadel reported that Ag Production voted to oppose new Cap and Trade proposal. Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp reported that Labor committee spent meeting preparing for Ag Overtime testimonies on Feb. 8.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moves and directs Kathleen Carl to write letter on board's behalf in opposition to HB 4118 relating to housing and the expansion of urban growth boundary into rural reserves; Greg Bennett seconded.

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OFBF District 15 Director's Report



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OFB reevaluating candidate endorsements, backing away from automatic endorsements to give counties more input. Staying neutral on HB 4077 on environmental justice mapping if not used for regulatory decisions. Water transfer, storage, and reallocation predicted to be major issue after short session. Other areas discussed include: Forest Habitat Conservation Plans and large setbacks from stream hurting small harvesters, transitioning diesel to 100% renewable, Wildfire mapping to identify structures in danger zone and make more defensible, legal aid becoming more aggressive and targeting ag labor, and BOLI candidates.

Angi Bailey, OFB President, reported they will be reestablishing a Western Leadership Conference in the next 12-18 months. Also, new OFB legislative staff hired and will be starting in early April.

YF&R Report

Claire Zielinski will be attending national convention in Louisville, KY at the end of February with 24 other representatives. Zielinski held meeting on Feb. 2 with Jon Iverson to reestablish Y&R program. She is working with outdated contact lists and will work with staff to reach out to membership and form new contacts. NW Farm Credit Union's Young Beginning Small Farmer program other resource. Working with Chemeketa Community College and Corban University to meet with collegiate YF&R and tour Iverson Tulip Farm this spring.

Women's Advisory Council

WAC met Jan. 30th and decided on no ag fest this year because of too many COVID restrictions. New Ronald McDonald House opened in Springfield.

Motion: John Zielinski moved to increase donation from \$600 to \$800 because of new Springfield house; Bruce Chapin seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9, 2022 at 6:30PM
Location: OFB Boardroom

Report: 2/3/22

2022 Goal: 641 members

Renewed: 287 (44.77%)

Need: 354