



Marion County Farm Bureau
 “Bringing Value to our Members”
 Board Meeting: March 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	X								
Bruce Chapin	X	X	X								
Jessie DeJager	-	X	X								
Keith Ditchen	-	-	X								
Dana Estensen	X	X	X								
Richard Hostetter	X	X	X								
Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp	-	X	X								
Stuart Olson	X	X	X								
Joe Ruef	X	X	X								
Casey Stadel	X	X	X								
Dylan Wells	X	X	X								
Claire Zielinski	X	X	X								
John Zielinski	X	X	X								

Guests: Aileen Kaye (*Friends of Marion County*)

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:41pm

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from Feb. 9, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Dylan Wells moved to accept the minutes as presented; Bruce Chapin seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Financial Reports: Richard Hostetter presented February financial report.

Motion: John Zielinski moved to receive the inancial reports; Kathleen Carl seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

First Aid/CPR Class – Class was held March 5 by Silverton CPR at Canyonview Camp. A Spanish language class will be held Friday, March 11 at OFB.

Compost Facility – A letter was sent to the county asking for a public hearing on new compost facility in Lake Labish area. Greg Bennett met with new facility leaders and was satisfied that there would not be a negative impact to community. The letter and request for hearing was rescinded.

2022 Oregon Legislature – Ag overtime was approved and will be phased in beginning next year. Mary Ann Cooper left a handout on legislative updates for the board.

Spray Drift – Board members met with Mary Ann Cooper and Kate Murray (Oregonians for Food and Shelter) to go over changes to ODA procedures and policies to help grower that are being investigated. Casey Stadel reported on meeting to the board.

Membership Signs – March 31 deadline to get orders in. Distribution day to be set in April.



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President's Report

Dana Estensen attended president's meeting in February and discussed challenges facing counties this year including: large elk numbers, gas theft, water reserves, and predator control districts. Scholarships, member/board recruitment, and importance of ag alerts also discussed. Estensen also spoke with Mark Chien of Marion County OSU Extension Services and discussed possibility of Polk County Watershed Project expanding to Marion County. Meeting to be set with Greg Bennett and Bob Dettwyler.

New Business

Candidates – 2020 questionnaire distributed for review. Candidates will be invited in after May primaries for interviews and board endorsements.

Chicken Farms – Large numbers of chicken farms in Stayton/Scio area causing concern for some groups (Farmers Against Foster Farms). Board does not endorse or disapprove of one crop over another.

Motion: John Zielinski moves to draft letter to Marion County Commissioners stating that as long as it's being farmed correctly and legally, the Marion County Farm Bureau does not choose one ag commodity over another; Stuart Olson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Ag Safety Awareness Week/Radio Safety Ads – President Estensen will follow up with Safety Committee

Mink Farming Ban – Joe Ruef reported and late amendment added to bill to ban mink farming in state. OFB and AFBF are watching bill closely. Ruef will report any changes to board when action is needed.

MCFB Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee – Bruce Chapin, Kathleen Carl, and Dana Estensen met to review current by-laws. Term limits and number of board members sections needs clarification. Any changes made will be presented to general membership for vote at annual meeting in November.

Scholarship Committee – Application due May 1

Land Use – Kathleen Carl reported on letter presented to committee in opposition to HB 4118. Committee received many letters of opposition and bill did not leave committee.

AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees

Farm Direct and Organics Committee – John Zielinski reported on AFBF committee that needs and concerns vary across the nation.

State of the County Address – Zielinski also asked county commissioners about state of county road repairs and bridge fortification to carry larger weights. He reported that Aurora interchange construction in the works and Brooks interchange is next slated project.

Membership – Dylan Wells attended Zoom meeting in February. Counties shared ideas and programs they're implementing to increase membership.

OFB District 15 Director's report – Bruce Chapin

Candidate endorsements at March meeting and friendly endorsements were made.

YF&R report – Claire Zielinski

Claire Zielinski met with Chemeketa Community College about building YF&R program. Chemeketa excited about partnership and looking for leadership/networking opportunities for their students. Zielinski also attended National Conference in Louisville, KY with 26 other Oregon delegates. Very successful trip; attended educational sessions and networked with other delegations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Report: 3/3/22

2022 Goal: 641 members

Renewed: 356 (55.54%)

Need: 285