



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: Jan. 11, 2023 – 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	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Greg Bennett	X											
Kathleen Carl	-											
Bruce Chapin	X											
Jessie DeJager	X											
Dana Estensen	X											
Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp	X											
Stuart Olson	X											
Joe Ruef	X											
Casey Stadel	X											
Dylan Wells	X											
Claire Zielinski	X											
John Zielinski	-											

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

Guests: Graham Fordyce, Dan Heibel (*OFB*), Frank Glover (*Marion County*), Kelli Weese (*Marion County*), Richard Hails (*Marion County*), Adam Franco (*Marion County*), James Hutches (*Country Financial*)

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Special Presentation

Frank Glover, Marion County Special Services, presented information on Marion County Broadband Planning Initiative. Program brings internet to rural parts of county and is in need of narratives from farmers for grant funding to expand coverage.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from the Dec. 14, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Bruce moved to accept the minutes with friendly amendment to date; Dylan Wells seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Financials: Board reviewed financial reports from December.

Motion: Dylan Wells moved to receive the reports; Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Introductions

Dan Heibel, OFB Regional Coordinator, introduced himself to board and will be working as conduit between county farm bureaus and the state office.

James Hutches, Country Financial, introduced himself and highlighted ways they are bringing new members to the farm bureau. James is also the Keizer Chamber of Commerce president and encouraged interaction with chambers to network with businesses.

Old Business

SAIF Dinner – MCFB purchased table at event. Dylan Wells, Casey Stadel, Claire Zielinski, and Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp attending. John Zielinski co-hosting the event.

President's Report



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Dana Estensen is looking for feedback on county’s annual dinner in November and wants to incorporate more of the farm bureau history.

New Business

Ag Succession Workshop – Working to put together workshop in March/April at OFB for 2-3 hours. Multiple speaker ideas and contacts.

FFA Contribution – Board reviewed donation letter from Oregon FFA Foundation.

Motion: Dylan moved to donate \$1000 and add as line item in budget; Greg Bennett seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Taxation – Greg Bennett presented on ambiguous taxation wording regarding farming and processing equipment. Staff will draft letter to county commissioners and tax advisory board on need to clarify.

Spray Drift – Katie Murray (OFS) working on scheduling next meeting

Legislative Representatives – Board looking to engage with elected officials and share concerns with them, especially Senator Deb Patterson.

MCFB Committee Reports

Ag Tour Committee – 5 locations selected, working to confirm with them. Planned for end of March, Friday March 24 or 31. Staff will confirm bus.

Scholarship Committee – Scholarships posted and shared with schools. 1 application received.

OFB District 15 Director’s Report

Bruce Chapin reported on new OFB staffing. Importance of advocacy stressed. Staff working to send out post card to members about online sign-up.

YF&R Report

Claire Zielinski reported on upcoming Fusion Conference. Working to ways to get information out to members.

Women’s Advisory Council

Jessie DeJager will have report after Feb. 7 meeting

Other Business

Dylan Wells attended 4H Extension Service meeting and reported they discussed their mission statement and use of the word “stability” within it

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Andrea Krahmer – Oregon Ag Trust

Staff will invite Keudell/Morrison representative to March or April meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm