



# Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: Feb. 8, 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	X										
Kathleen Carl	-	X										
Bruce Chapin	X	X										
Jessie DeJager	X	X										
Dana Estensen	X	X										
Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp	X	X										
Stuart Olson	X	X										
Joe Ruef	X	X										
Casey Stadel	X	X										
Dylan Wells	X	-										
Claire Zielinski	X	X										
John Zielinski	-	X										

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

Guests: Andrea Krahmer (*Oregon Ag Trust*), Graham Fordyce

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

### Special Presentation

Andrea Krahmer, the Education Program Director with Oregon Ag Trust, gave an overview of OAT’s program to assist farmers and ranchers with succession planning and keeping working lands working.

### Consent Agenda

**Minutes:** Board reviewed minutes from Jan. 11, 2023 meeting.

**Motion:** Claire Zielinski moved to accept the minutes as presented; Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Financials:** Board reviewed financial reports from January and discussed status of CDs. Board will ask Kuedell/Morrison representative, Joel Blount, for advice when he attends April meeting.

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

### Old Business

**Ag Succession Workshop** – MCFB asked to partner with Marion SWCD for April 4 workshop. Board agrees it would be beneficial.

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to contribute up to \$500 for workshop costs; Casey Stadel seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Elected Officials** – Welcome letter sent to Senator Deb Patterson with open invitation to future meetings. Letter will also be sent to all Marion County elected representatives. Board would like to reach out again after legislative session and invite to meetings in July/August.

**Biosolids** – Board will keep monitoring; invite speaker to May meeting.

**AFBF Convention** – John Zielinski reported on convention in Puerto Rico. He attended many different workshops, including one on worldwide ag commodities, and toured local farms.

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**Spray Drift** – Dana Estensen reported on Feb. 2 meeting with OFS and ODA. Discussion continues and making small steps forward. ODA organizing more formal complaint process and presenting letters on investigation findings.

**Chicken Farms** – Farm in Aurora expanding. Board will continue to follow and watch out for testimony opportunities on SB399 and HB2667

**CPR Classes** – Classes scheduled for March 17, 8-11am, at Oregon Farm Bureau in both English and Spanish

**Taxation** – HB2401 presented with mutual agreement to broaden language. Board will continue to follow.

## **Presidents Report**

Mia Pedersen hired as new Director of Communications for Oregon Farm Bureau. Began work this week.

## **New Business**

**Board Roster** – 2 vacancies; Board can appoint director until annual meeting when membership can vote

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to appoint Graham Fordyce to board; Casey Stadelii seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

## **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Ag Tour Committee** – Stuart Olson contacting Detroit Dam and other area stops

**Membership Committee** – Recently met and brainstorming ideas to engage membership and attract new members. (Signs, stickers, merch, baseball game)

## **AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees** – John Zielinski

AFBF Organic and Farm Market committee going to Washington DC this month; legislature not in session but will meet with staffers. No recent OFB committee meetings. John Zielinski introduced reorganized committee structure with Special Committees, Standing Committees, and Organizational Committees (not issue driven). Working on policy language for new structure to present at May Meeting.

## **OFB District 15 Director's Report** – Bruce Chapin

Board of Directors Meeting held Feb. 7-8. Issues discussed include: idea to convert Bureau of Land Management land from multi-use to single-use for solar farms; sales tax in Tillamook County; and problem with elk herds migrating onto farm land. Also discussed Atlas fertilizer plant moving to Umatilla Military Depot but this very unlikely to happen. 2024 AFBF convention will be in Salt Lake City Jan. 19-24. Discussion of moving OFB annual meeting earlier in the year.

## **YF&R report** – Claire Zielinski

Working on upcoming Leadership Conference in Salem and State Meeting in Lincoln City. Plans to hold joint meetings with Clackamas and Washington counties this spring and summer. Ag Tour also being planned for later this year.

## **Women's Advisory Council** – Jessie DeJager and Kathleen Carl

Visits to Ronald McDonald houses in Portland, Springfield, and Redmond planned for this spring. WAC will also be participating in Ag Fest and State Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

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