



# Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members"

Board Meeting: April 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

**OFB Board Room**  
**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	-	X							
Claire Billman	-	X	X	X							
Bruce Chapin	X	X	X	X							
Jessie DeJager	X	-	X	-							
Dana Estensen	X	-	-	X							
Cheyne Fobert	-	-	X	X							
Graham Fordyce	X	X	X	X							
Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp	X	X	X	X							
Stuart Olson	X	X	X	X							
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X							
Casey Stadel	X	X	-	X							
Claire Zielinski	X	X	X	X							
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X							

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie, Scott Ingalls

Guest: Kirk Maag (ODA Board)

Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

### Guests

Kirk Maag, new member of the Oregon Dept. of Ag Board, introduced himself and his background in ag. Maag heard concerns from the board about pesticide drift and will take questions back to the ODA board.

### Consent Agenda

**Minutes:** Board reviewed minutes from March 2025 meeting.

**Motion:** Claire Zielinski moved to approve the minutes as presented; Claire Billman seconded.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Financials:** Board reviewed financial reports ending in March 31, 2025.

**Motion:** Claire Zielinski moved to receive the financial report; John Zielinski seconded.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

### Old Business

**Hazelnut Tour/Workshop** – plans for tour cancelled

**Tier Dues & Membership** – Membership reports distributed. Staff will invite Elizabeth Foster, OFB Membership and Organization Director, to May meeting.

**Summer Picnic** – Marion Berrie Baseball options presented. Staff will go back to team with additional questions. Idea of summer picnic at Marion County Fair also discussed. Staff will get costs for May meeting.

**Bicyclists** – John Zielinski reached out to President of Salem Bicycle Club. Invited to future board meeting.

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## **New Business**

**Marion County Fair Sponsorship** – Sponsorship package presented with new ideas for reaching out to 4H/FFA parents.

**Lobby Day Sponsorship** – Importance of upcoming OFB Lobby Day discussed. Board and members encouraged to attend. OFB asking for county sponsorships for day.

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to contribute \$500 to OFB Lobby Day; Bruce Chapin seconded.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Jefferson Library Maple Sponsorship** – Friends of the Jefferson Public Library asking for sponsorship for Oregon Big Leaf Maple Syrup tasting event this fall.

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to sponsor event for \$50; Bruce Chapin seconded.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Oregon Food Bank** – Frustration over Oregon Food Bank supporting bills the OFB is against, then accepting donations from farmers.

**County Farm Bureau Protections/Bylaw Audit** – Board reviewed steps to make sure Marion County Farm Bureau is protected and leaders. Need to review/add "Conflicts of Interest" and "Whistle Blower" language.

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to direct staff to get quotes for review/audit from Kristyne Smith at OFB and outside source; Cheyne Fobert seconded.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Scholarship** – Scholarships due April 15; committee will meet early May

## **AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees**

John Zielinski reported that OFB committees will be more structured with attendance requirements implemented.

## **OFB District 15 Director's Report**

Bruce Chapin reiterated importance of Lobby Day and attendance of Zoom legislature update.

## **YF&R Report**

Claire Zielinski reported on Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival meet-up earlier in April. Announced Hood River event in May. National YF&R conference will be in Portland, OR in 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**Location: OFB BOARDROOM**

## **Upcoming Dates:**

June 6: 7am, Monthly Member Briefing, Zoom (info on back)

July 10-13: Marion County Fair

Late Sept./Early Oct.: OFB Washington DC Trip

November: MCFB Annual Meeting

December: OFB Annual Convention

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### **Monthly Member Briefing**

You are invited to listen in on the monthly member briefing this **Friday at 7am**. Topics will range from organizational updates, legislative updates and upcoming events.

These briefings will **occur monthly until June**. Please find the zoom link below.

A reminder: these briefings are open only to Farm Bureau members.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89648530776>

Topic: Monthly Member Briefing

Upcoming Dates: May 2, June 6

Time: 07:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 896 4853 0776

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