

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – January 13, 2016
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. A quorum was present:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Zielinski, President
Greg Bennett
Kathleen Carl
Bruce Chapin
Roger DeJager
Bob Dettwyler
Keith Ditchen
Brenda Frketich
Stuart Olson
Joe Sherman
Dana Estensen
Matt Schuster
Dylan Wells
Connie Young

Not Present:

Troy Hadley, Vice President

Guests:

Gail Dettwyler
Davor Frketich
Lon Young

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 16, 2015, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015, meeting as amended. **Motion passed.**

Laureal Williams presented the financial report, noting that hard copies were not available due to server maintenance. Hard copies will be forwarded. A summary of the current financial status included:

- Current assets indicated on the Jan. 6 MCFB Balance sheet show that MCFB has a total of \$154,308.01 in checking/savings accounts including US Bank Money Market accounts. Additionally, assets include Kuedell Morrison account valued at \$60,554.80.
- Current Profit & Loss reports shows that membership dues income is at \$10,445.00, representing 34.8% of budgeted figure.
- Country Companies program income is \$8,764.30, approximately 31.3% of the budgeted amount.
- Association has realized \$16,548.82 in expenses this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 2015. Expenses include \$2,500.00 to the Barry Bushue travel fund for the AFBF Presidential Race; \$2,600.00 to Summer Ag Institute for scholarships/dinner; and \$560.00 for Radio Safety Ads.
- All expenses are within the approved budget with expenses at approximately 20% of budgeted expenses at this time.

Board action on the financial report was deferred pending receipt of hard copies.

Membership Approvals

Barry DeSantis

MOTION: Moved by Roger Dejager and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve Barry DeSantis as a voting member. **Motion passed.**

Charles Carr

MOTION: Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve Charles Carr as a supporting member. **Motion passed.**

Staff was asked to follow up with Charles regarding his crop.

Old Business

- **Drought Contingency Meeting** Genoa Ingram reported that she had attended the organizational meeting of the Marion County Drought Contingency planning committee. Individual work groups will include:
 - Drought Monitoring (predict, recognize, plan for and respond)
 - Vulnerability Assessment (risks and impacts)
 - Mitigation Actions
 - Response Actions
 - Operational and Administrative Framework
 - Plan Update Process

She suggested that, since decisions will likely be made on prioritization and use of water, someone from the farming community should serve on the committee. Keith Ditchen suggested his father as a participant and Roger Dejager agreed to represent dairy farmers.

- **Lake Labish Water Control District** Greg Bennett reported that there had been no movement on the issue.
- **Woodburn UGB** Kathleen Carl reported that the compromise plan approved by the Marion County Commissioners (and included in the meeting materials) had been approved and finalized by LCDC.
- **Fire Codes Update** Laureal Williams reported that definitions and guidelines as they relate to fall festivals were reviewed at the last meeting. An updated draft is in the works and will be presented during a meeting of the Fire Codes Committee at the Office of State Fire Marshal on January 26.

New Business:

- **Capitol Press Advertising Request** Board members reviewed a request from the *Capitol Press* to sponsor an advertisement for FFA and 4-H. ***By consensus***, the Board agreed to sponsor the ad. Board members also suggested asking the *Capitol Press* to help promote MCFB's scholarship program as well as issuing a press release to the *Capitol Press* announcing scholarship winners.
- **2016 Ag Tour** John Zielinski reported that he would like volunteers to work on the 2016 Ag Tour, consisting of just 2 or 3 meetings. Stuart Olson will chair the committee and Dana Estensen, Roger Dejager and Bob Dettwyler will serve as members. Jenny Dressler has expressed interest in cultivating attendance by legislators. Suggested facilities included a bio-fuel extracting plant, the Chemeketa Viticulture Center, Oregon Fruit Products and the kale chip processing plant. Upon further discussion, Board members agreed to focus the tour toward the Southern part of the county.

- Scholarship Committee Brenda Frketch, Kathleen Carl, and Dana Estensen volunteered to review applications and make recommendations based on standard criteria.
- CPR Training John Zielinski noted that it is difficult to find Spanish speaking trainers. Staff is researching that issue and MCFB will go forward with plans to offer training in Spanish and English.
- Planning Goals for 2016 John Zielinski asked for ideas for things Board members would like to accomplish.
 - Greg Bennet suggested a more robust focus on membership. Dylan Wells offered to participate in the Membership Committee along with Bob Dettwyler, Greg Bennett, Keith Ditchen, and Connie Young. Components of the membership effort could include testimonials from members, a YF&R segment, an overview of tiered dues, and MCFB-sponsored events.
 - Keith Ditchen suggested coordination of submission of resolutions for the OFB Convention.
 - Notice of committee meetings will be included with Board meeting notifications.
- 2016 OFB Convention John Zielinski reported that the 2016 Convention would be held in Salem. At the previous OFB Convention in Salem, MCFB had hosted an energy symposium. This year, it was suggested that MCFB plan a Capitol Tour and primer on providing testimony. A social function was also suggested. Board members discussed the possibility of including Clackamas County Farm Bureau and Polk County Farm Bureau in the planning and sponsorship aspects. John asked Dylan Wells to assist with the planning.
- Coast Access Toll Road John Zielinski provided an update on the return of the coast access toll road issue. An article appeared on the front page of the Newburg Graphic at <http://www.pamplinmedia.com/nbg/142-news/284562-161324-bypass-controversy-will-heat-up-again-thursday->.
- AFBF Convention Recap John Zielinski provided an overview of the recent AFBF Convention in Florida. Approximately 25 attendees participated from Oregon. He also recapped the AFBF presidential election.

Advisory Committees

- Committees will meet next week.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report

No report.

YF&R

Kathy Hadley had participated in the AFB YF&R *Collegiate Discussion Meet* and placed 16th nationally.

Women's Advisory Council

Connie Young noted that the OFBF website included an action alert on the minimum wage increase which included a draft letter for legislators. Connie had used the talking points to write letters to Marion County legislators and received a positive response from Rep. Jodi Hack. Ag Fest is scheduled for April.

Agenda Items for February

- No new items.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 at the Court Street office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.