

**Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – February 8, 2017
MINUTES**

Board Members	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Brenda Frketich	X										
Bruce Chapin	X										
Connie Young											
Dana Estenan	X										
Dylan Wells	X										
Greg Bennett	X										
Joe Ruef	X										
John Zielinski	X										
Kathleen Carl	X										
Keith Ditchen	X										
Matt Schuster	X										
Roger DeJager	X										
Stuart Olson	X										

X= present at the meeting. No January 2017 meeting held due to weather.

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present:

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Guests:

Bob Dettwyler, MCFB Member
Tom Phone, Elsinore Theatre
Don Russo, Elsinore Theatre
Barry Bushue, President, Oregon Farm Bureau
Joel Blount, Keudell/Morrison Wealth Mgt.
Troy Hadley, MCFB Member
Jon Iverson, President, Clackamas Farm Bureau
Annie Krahmer, Clackamas Farm Bureau

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 9, 2016, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the current financial reports including the balance sheet and profit & loss, noting the increased Associate Member dues and a current net income of \$14,000 for the year thus far.

MOTION: Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Greg Bennett to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Membership Approvals

- Thomas Barnett:

MOTION: Moved by Matt Schuster and seconded by Brenda Frketich to approve Thomas Barnett as a voting member. **Motion passed.**

- Gregg Michels: Deferred pending additional information.

New Business

Elsinore Theatre Tom Phone and Don Russo, Elsinore Theatre, encouraged MCFB to participate in and promote Elsinore Theatre's programs and entertainment offerings. Don suggested that MCFB consider presenting an award to NORPAC in recognition of decades of contributions to the community and recent expansion. ***By consensus***, the Board agreed to present an award to NORPAC.

MCFB Logo Brenda Frketich reported that she had met with In-House Graphics to discuss redesign of the MCFB logo. The price quoted was in the \$350 - \$500 range following receipt of a complimentary conceptual pencil drawing.

President's Report

House District 18 Selection Process President Zielinski reported on the process for filling the legislative seat recently vacated by Rep. Vic Gilliam. Eight people are currently vying for the position, including the Mayor of Silverton. Clackamas County and Marion County Commissioners will hold a joint session on Wednesday, February 22, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Mt. Angel Fire District to interview candidates and select a replacement.

OFB Convention John reported that the OFB House of Delegates had acted on the increased dues proposal in late 2016 and ultimately approved a formula of \$4.00 to counties and \$1.00 to Oregon Farm Bureau. He also reported that he had lost his bid for Third Vice President.

MOTION: Moved Dana Estensen and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve a one-time contribution of \$5,000 to Oregon Farm Bureau to further compensate OFB staff at the discretion of the OFB Executive Director. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Board Vacancies John announced that Joe Sherman had left the Board and Brenda Frketich has promoted to Vice President, leaving two positions open: Board Delegate and the YF&R position. The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss possible candidates to fill the positions. The Board reconvened and agreed that interested parties would be invited to attend future Board meetings and replacements for vacancies would be made in two months. Vacancies will be promoted via word of mouth.

Ag Tour Jessica reported that the Committee had narrowed down the dates to April 4 or 11 and had identified several potential stops; Committee members will contact the potential venues to determine interest and availability.

Advisory Committees

OFB Convention: Brenda Frketich reported that the Ag Production and Transportation Committee had met. John reported that the Labor Committee will meet on February 17. County Presidents will also meet that day in Room 350 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Matt Schuster reported that the Water Committee met and legislation had been introduced

relating to measured use, management fees for water rights, funding for storage, and other issues of importance to the farming community.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report

Bruce Chapin reported that 40 percent of onion sheds in Malheur County had collapsed roofs or had fallen into disrepair due the extreme weather conditions. He also noted that DEQ is attempting to treat dry ditches as wet ditches, leading to phrases such as “dry water” and “wet water”. Anticipated new regulations promise to be problematic for agriculture. Two comment periods on the topic were re-scheduled. Water Resources plans to create a \$100 fee per water right at pumping sites in order to maintain records of water rights. Board members were asked to watch issues closely and be prepared to let Mary Anne Nash know of any real life examples that might be used in testimony and lobbying efforts. Bruce further reported on the following issues:

- If farmers have F-plate, they will be required to have a placard.
- The Predator Control program is under-funded and under-staffed and the program does not appear to be sustainable.
- Paid family leave will once again be considered by the legislature.
- Pay Equity will be an issue this session.
- EPA is looking at standards for water minimum quality of biological diversity in the water.
- FEMA is taking a more restrictive approach to buildings in flood plains.
- There is a proposal to start testing water from tenant wells for nitrates and arsenic.
- OFB will remain neutral if report to tenant reflects either a pass or fail only.
- OFB will oppose SB 189 relating to the metro urban reserve.
 - Health care reform will occur but slowly.
 - The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is dead.
- Estate tax repeal will occur eventually.
- A major labor shortage is anticipated.
- There will be no capital gains reform.
- OFB's Washington, D.C. trip is scheduled for May 1-4.
- The Sage Grouse resource plan has become more restrictive in Harney County and OFB is waiting for additional feedback from counties.
- The OFB will oppose the OFW bill if funded by income taxes.
- OFB is supporting the bottle bill tax providing its limited to maintenance of land acquisitions.
- A proposal is being considered to register and report anything you treat on life stock.
- A proposal is being considered to ban the use of anti-biotics in livestock until the animal is actually sick.
- GMO legislation will resurface this session.

Bruce again encouraged Board members to watch for action alerts and be ready to testify on real-life circumstances.

YF&R

Brenda Frketich introduced Anne Krahmer who will replace Brenda on the YF&R Committee and will work with Jon Iverson on county events.

Women's Advisory Council

No report.

Announcements

- John emphasized the Farm Bureau's Washington, DC, trip, scheduled for May 1-4. Jon Iverson reported that a trip to either Germany or Denmark was being planned with an emphasis on the grass seed industry.
- Troy reported that the ODA Water Quality Program now focusing on the Abiqua Basin
- Jessica reported that CPR instructors had been contacted regarding availability within the next four weeks.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.