

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – January 15, 2014
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:28p.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present

John Zielinski, President
Greg Bennett
Jeff Butsch
Bob Dettwyler
Troy Hadley
Connie Young
Kathleen Carl
Brenda Frketich
Joe Sherman
Roger DeJager

Not Present:

Dan Goffin
Bruce Chapin
Scott Miller

Guests:

Lon Young
Joel Blount, Keudell/ Morrison
Derek Godwin, OSU Extension
Tampa Goettsch, Marion County Community
Services Dept

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 18, 2013

MOTION: Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded Troy Hadley by to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting with corrections to the motions made for the three contributions; Sage Grouse (\$500.00), GMO (\$2500.00) and Hot Goods (\$2500.00) efforts. **Motion passed.**

Financials: Staff reviewed financial report, discussed the changes in the dues billing process with Country Financial and how this may affect the timing for MCFB dues for the year.

MOTION: Moved by Greg Bennett and seconded by Connie Young to approve the financials of the January 15, 2014 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Speaker: Joel Blount with Keudell/Morrison shared about the current market, reviewed the changes in the market over the past few years. MCFB is currently invested in the moderate risk model.

Guest Speaker: Derek Godwin with OSU Extension Services shared about a project to create a Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District to stabilize funding. Funding currently comes primarily from state and federal dollars along with some operational support dollars from the county. Grants are sought for special programs. Over the past 10 years the state and federal dollars have declined causing about 25% decrease in staffing. Election date May 2015 is the target date, seeking a \$.05 per \$1000 assessment on real estate, roughly \$8 average per household. \$.05

is the max and would generate approximately \$950K which would be roughly 2x the current budget.

Reviewed Sample Resolution for Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District.

Requesting formal support of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District from Marion County Farm Bureau and also requesting visit with the City of Salem, mayor and city council, to express support.

Moved by Brenda Frketich to draft a letter in support of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District, 2nd by Kathleen Carl. Board had discussion. Staff will draft a letter for review. Staff will check with Derek about additional support requests in regards to the city. Motion passed.

Member Reviews:

Norman and Debra Wiesner; reviewed membership application for voting status. Moved to approve by Troy Hadley, 2nd by Kathleen Carl, motion passed.

Old Business:

Tax Status: Staff just received notices regarding penalties and interest on the 2011 941 Quarterly Forms that were not submitted. Forms have been sent to the accountant for review and staff has requested what action to take at this time to address.

Planning Session: Discussed the brainstorming session that took place at the November Board Meeting. How can MCFB work to strengthen membership, grow the board (potential new members for the future) and projects or political action.

Correspondence: Staff shared thank you cards and correspondence received regarding donation and letter of reference requests.

New Business:

Senate Revenue Discussion/Crop Donation Tax Credit: Currently there is no credit available at the state level for crop donation. John will be testifying tomorrow in support of the bill at a 25% tax credit.

Salem Chamber Ag Banquet: Banquet is next Friday and staff is seeking confirmation on attendance and guests so tickets can be ordered. An email will be sent requesting an answer by Friday at 10am this week.

East Valley Water District: Looking at water storage in drift creek, it would provide approximately 12000 acre of water supply. Those in the area of the reservoir are not in favor. A letter of support was requested of MCFB; upon research, President Zielinski, determined that abstaining from any support at this time is best due to varying opinions of farmers within Marion County.

OFB Advisory Committees:

January 24 is Advisory Committee day. Ag Production, Water, Labor, Tax, National Resource, Wildlife Reservation.

Dan Heibel, OFBF Regional Coordinator – Marion County is at 47.2% of membership goal. Who's Who will be out tomorrow and Dan will bring them to the Court St Office.

New posters required in 2014:

Portland Sick Leave Notice – applies if you do any business in Portland, regardless of headquarter location.

Oregon Victims Rights – 6 or more employees

Oregon Minimum Wage

Oregon Family Leave Act

Dan shared information about the Western Region Leadership Conference, February 26-28, 2014, in Las Vegas. Some of OFB staff will be attending the event. Deadline to register is January 31, 2014.

YFR – Brenda Frketich – At the County level- leaving for John Deere tour on Monday for a 4 day trip. 12 from Marion County will be attending. Polk County is planning an event in February, Marion County discussing a possibly March event maybe dinner with speaker. At state level, Jason Flowers was selected to be on the national leadership committee. New chair is Kathy Hadley. Brenda's term as vice chair has ended.

Women's Advisory Council – Connie Young – Offered the new MCFB hat to any Board Members that would like to have one. February 2 is the WAC Spring Meeting; February 3 is the Legislative Reception at the Capitol. Ronald McDonald House donation has been sent.

Membership – Bob Dettwyler – Shared the current paid membership report and requested that the Board Members review the report and determine any potential members. Asked others to review and bring any names of neighbors to the next meeting and board will discuss recruitment plans.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m.