

**Marion County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 18, 2013**

**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Zielinski, President  
Kathleen Carl  
Bob Dettwyler  
Brenda Frketich  
Troy Hadley  
Connie Young  
Bruce Chapin  
Scott Miller

**Not Present/Excused:**

Dan Goffin  
Greg Bennett  
Jeff Butsch  
Roger Dejager  
Joe Sherman  
Bruce Chapin

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Genoa Ingram

**Guests:**

Rep. Kevin Cameron – House District 19  
Larry Miles  
Earl Hazekamp  
Lon Young

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Board members reviewed minutes of the August 18, 2013 meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Brenda Frketich to accept the minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financials:** Board members reviewed September financial statements.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Brenda Frketich to accept the financial reports as submitted. **Motion passed.**

**Guest Presentations**

**Rep. Kevin Cameron (R-Salem)** Rep. Cameron discussed his plans to run for the position of Marion County Commissioner in the position being vacated by Commissioner Patti Milne. Commissioner Milne is not seeking re-election. Rep. Cameron shared that he feels called to public service and also discussed his farm and business experience. Goals include bringing people together to move things forward and make change and to be creative to help some challenges that Marion County faces today and in the future. Marion County Commissioner has a strategic plan which directs them to serve, which is in keeping with his objectives.

Larry Miles, President, Salem Bicycle Club Larry reported that the Club is the largest in Willamette Valley with over 450 members and over 400 rides per year, including five days per week of rides. Larry discussed two events with 700-2000 riders, the economic impact on Marion County and the donations they are able to make to promote safety.

Earl Hazekamp, Capitol Velo Earl discussed Sharing the Road/Safety Issues and commented that his club's focus is primarily on racing. There are currently 40-60 members. Monthly rides as a team, support and participate in the Scotts Rides which are Tuesday/Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings for more experienced riders.

### **Membership Approvals**

(None received.)

### **Old Business**

#### Annual Meeting

- Speaker: Two options were discussed: a Will Rogers impersonator whose normal fee is \$1,500 but who is willing to reduce that fee; and Joe Stoddard, Country music singer and comedian, whose fee is \$1,200 for a 45-60 minute program. Board members reviewed the revised Bylaw amendments.
- Invitations: Invitations will be included in the September/October Newsletter and is currently listed on the OFB website. The Board discussed sending postcards and Tri-Folds mailings, along with posters for local businesses. The Board agreed to extend invitations to County Commissioners, legislators, County Sheriff, the FFA, and 2013 Scholarship Recipients. (Scholarship recipients are comped, all others pay.)
- Elections: Board members were asked to consider the upcoming elections and evaluate their interest in running for the various positions.
- Scholarship Recipient Correspondence: Board members reviewed a thank-you letter from one of the recipients.

### **New Business**

#### Budget Approval

Troy reminded staff to include the Adopt-A-Farmer program to 2014 budget and refer to the June meeting minutes for amount.

**MOTION**: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded Motion to approve 2013-2014 budget with addition of Adopt a Farmer by Troy Hadley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie Young. **Motion Passed.**

**MOTION**: Moved by Troy Hadley Hadley and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to pay 80 percent of tiered dues to each of the four OFB causes as follows: Ag Fest, Education Foundation, Government Affairs, and Legal Foundation. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions No Resolutions have been received to date. The Board discussed sharing future resolution opportunities with the general member via the newsletter.

### Other

- Bylaw Completion: Staff reported that Kathleen Carl and staff had completed the introductory paragraph on “Purpose”, which would be included in the Bylaw revisions to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- New Staff: Genoa Ingram reported that an additional staff person would be coming on board, specializing in accounting and QuickBooks.

### OFB Advisory Committees

No reports.

### Committee Reports

Membership Committee Bob Dettwyler noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

### OFBF District 15 Director’s Report

Bruce Chapin reported on the following:

- Billing by Associate Members by Country Companies has begun as a pilot project limited to Associates but letter sent out by Country incorrectly indicated it would be for all members. Country is correcting and trying to identify the source of the error. The change represents a significant reduction in billing cost to county. Current cost is 75 cents per mailing and often there are two billings leading to charges of 1.50/member. This charge will be reduced to a single charge of 40 cents per member—a savings of about \$1.10/member. County Companies will receive \$2.50 of associate member dues. Voting and supporting billings will come from OFBF office but will be mailed through Country’s mailing house.
- There is a matter of county concern with regard to Oregon’s natural resource estate credit when owning natural resources outside of the state as often occurs among those farming close to the state borders. The formula only counts your natural resources in Oregon but divides them by your total assets to determine your ratio which determines if you comply.
- The Balance Sheet continues to improve but advisors are cautious with regard to the Market.
- This year, legislators were not assigned A, B, or C grades for their voting records. Rather, those with a grade of 85 percent or above were recognized for extra efforts on key issues.
- Lisa Hansen of ODA spoke on water quality issues and the 1010 plan. EPA is demanding data showing Oregon’s program is effective. Hopefully we can continue to have water quality in agricultural areas administered by ODA. Presently it is a complaint driven program and what can be seen from public right-a-ways and areal pictures. ODA works to educate, provide technical assistance to correct the problem. If EPA or DEQ gets control it will likely move to a farming practices standards. ODA has requested assistance from the Farm Bureau to obtain data needed to established a base line.
- YF&R Willamette Valley industry tour is scheduled for November 8-10.
- Reminder that under ObamaCare, all are required to notify current employees by Oct 1, 2013 regarding options.
- Bill drafts for the 2014 legislative session must be in to Legislative Counsel by November 26. During the Special Session, seed pre-emption will be included to allow for Statewide control as opposed to a county-by-county approach.

- Oregon Farm Bureau has filed as a Friend of the Court involving a suit brought by the National Guard against a private contractor for concerned members who handle chemicals.
- OFB's Campaign Schools is scheduled for November 18 and 19.
- The secondary fuel containment moratorium ends September 30.
- Chevrolet is giving extra \$1500 discount to Farm Bureau members on 1-ton regular cab pickup trucks.
- Ag in the Class room had another successful session. I encourage our county to continue to support this program.
- OFB authorized the following expenditures:
  - \$5000 to help pay attorney bills to challenge GMO bills getting on the ballot. Jackson County has made it on the ballot and efforts in Benton and Lane counties are ongoing.
  - OFB will not be giving campaign contributions to legislators until after 2014 session.
  - \$1000 toward the Renewable Portfolio Initiative which would get Hydro electric recognized as a renewable energy source
  - Up to \$5000 to sponsor fund raisers for Greg Walden and Kurt Schrader
  - OFBF endorsed Greg Walden
- Joe Hobson introduced a new FAARM project which tracks federal natural resource legal cases, gives summary and analysis. The goal is to understand the other sides argument so the Farm Bureau can be better prepared. A committee will be appointed to oversee the FAARM project. The estimated cost is projected at about \$10,000 per year.
- OF&W has made some land purchases using BPA restoration money. Some purchases will result in a loss of farmland to aggregate mining.
- Tim Bernasek reports that Oregon Western Legal Counsel (Lewis and Clark), which provides opportunities for students to be involved in pro-natural resource cases, has seen student involvement far exceeding expectations. They just received a \$70,000 grant from the Public lands Council to hire an additional professor to expand the program.
- Information regarding hot goods was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act but key parts of the DOL's operation manual were deleted. Those deletions will likely be challenged. and Tim likely will challenge the deletions

### **Young Farmers and Ranchers**

Brenda Frketich reported that the Young Farmers and Ranchers Tour is scheduled for November 8-10. Registration begins October 1 and is open to all who wish to participate. There are 30 spots available and the cost is \$25 per person. Individuals will responsible for lodging and some meals. Brenda asked if MCFB would be interested in sponsoring the lunch hosted in Marion County.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Connie Young to to sponsor the lunch at Chapin Farms, 2nd by Connie Young. **Motion passed.**

Brenda will be in touch with staff about logistics.

### **Women's Advisory Council**

Connie Young reported that she had attended the WAC Annual Meeting. The donation that MCFB has budgeted for Ronald McDonald house should be paid by February for next year. The Legacy Event will be held at Mill Creek Inn November 3-4. There is no charge. The OFB Convention is in Bend this year and the theme for the oral auction is "Crops, Critters and Cowboys". 200 items are needed for commodity bags. It is time to start thinking about auction items. Ag Fest is April 26-27, 2014.

*Marion County Women's Report:* Caution signs were discussed. MCFB may add its name to the rural road safety tabletop display for \$10. Other promotional items were discussed such as embroidered hats. Connie and Jessica will work on ideas.

October 19 is the Ag in the Classroom Harvest Dinner in Corvallis. Tickets are \$50. Connie and Jessica will attend.

### **October Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.