

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – August 10, 2016
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Zielinski, President
Troy Hadley, Vice President
Greg Bennett
Kathleen Carl
Bruce Chapin
Roger DeJager
Bob Dettwyler
Keith Ditchen
Dana Estensen
Stuart Olson
Matt Schuster
Dylan Wells
Connie Young

Not Present:

Brenda Frketich
Joe Sherman

Guests:

Lon Young
Laura Morett
Patti Milne

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 8, 2016, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Troy Hadley to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the current financial reports, noting that the Association is trending ahead on income, forecasting less in expenses and will likely end the fiscal year with a small positive net income as opposed to the approved budget with a negative \$14K for the year.

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Membership Approvals

None.

President's Report

President Zielinski reported that he had sat in on the OFB candidate review process where Dennis Richardson, Laura Morett, and others had given presentations. He also reported that the State Fire Marshal's Code Committee has adopted the rules regulating harvest festival fire and life safety codes.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: Kathleen Carl related messages of thanks from some of the scholarship recipients. The Committee will meet in November to consider additional improvements to the application process.

OFB Convention Committee: Dylan reported that planning was ongoing and John had been working on hospitality options during the OFB Convention.

Old Business

Lake Labish Water District Gregg reported that there was nothing new to report other than that he will be meeting with Nancy from DEQ to give her a tour.

Dues Structure John reminded Board members that at some point they would need to revisit the dues structure to determine how funds would be used.

STEAM Update Dylan Wells provided an update on STEAM program activities during the Marion County Fair.

Candidate Interviews

Board Members conducted the following candidate interviews:

- Laura Morett, Republican candidate, House District 20
- Patti Milne, Republican candidate, House District 22

New Business

Jack Chapin Award Troy reminded Board members to be thinking about who was deserving of the award.

Weed District Signs Troy discussed the need to support the noxious weed control program, particularly in the area of securing permission from county and state officials to place the signs. The issue will be placed on the September agenda.

Advisory Committees

No report.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report

No report.

YF&R

No report.

Women's Advisory Council

No report.

Annual Meeting

- Board members, by consensus, agreed to emphasize the entertainment factor in the guest speaker. Suggested venues included the Quality Inn in Keizer (formerly the Keizer Renaissance), and Bob Zielinski's Scenic Valley Farms winery. Ed Flick, Tom Swearingen, Baxter Black, and Zack Christianson's wife, Crystal were suggested as possible speakers.

Agenda Items for September

- Noxious weed program.
- Annual Meeting – selection of facility/date/entertainment

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, at the Court Street office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.