

**Marion County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting – November 9, 2016  
MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Genoa Ingram

**Not Present:**

Keith Ditchen  
Stuart Olson  
Joe Sherman

**Guests:**

Joe Ruef  
Jessie DeJager

**Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 4, 2016, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Roger DeJager and seconded by Bob Dettwyler to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016, meeting as amended to correct the maker of a motion. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the current financial reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**OFB Conference Committee:** John reported that a suite had been booked for two nights and MCFB will also host an evening event with beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Board members will be given beverage tokens to distribute to attendees. Brenda Frketich and Greg Bennett were designated as delegates in addition to John. Keith Ditchen will also be asked as to his availability. Dana Estensen, Matt Schuster, Bob Dettwyler, and Roger DeJager will serve as alternates.

**Membership Approvals**

None received.

## **President's Report**

*Agri-Business Banquet* President Zielinski noted that the Agri-Business banquet was scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2017, and encourage board members to attend.

## **Old Business**

*Election Results:* John Zielinski recapped the legislative races where MCFB had endorsed candidates as follows:

- Rep. Sherri Sprenger , House District 17 – won 78% to 20%
- Rep. Vic Gilliam, House District 18 – won 65% to 31%
- Rep. Jodi Hack – won 60% – 38%
- Laura Morret, House District 20 – lost 47% – 52% (Rep. Paul Evans)
- Patti Milne, House District 22 – lost 54% to 44% (Teresa Alonso Leon)
- Rep. Bill Post, House District 25 – won 63% to 35%

Additionally, Measure 97 was defeated by a margin of 63% to 35%.

*Drainage Policy:* Greg Bennett reported that he had participated in a meeting which included Mary Ann Nash, DEQ, and other interested parties. DEQ was reportedly impressed with the pumping station operation. A draft ruling relating to drainage districts versus irrigation districts will be drafted and forwarded to DEQ for consideration. The draft policy submitted by MCFB will be reviewed by OFB during the Convention.

Brenda Frketich reported that she had participated in a meeting with DSL regarding drainage districts and the group is moving forward with a policy regarding permitting requirements. The policy will be based on how much dirt is being moved (anything over 50 yards). A pilot project is being implemented DEQ, DSL, and EPA for fill and removal activities.

## **New Business**

*Delegate Forms:* OFB registration forms and delegate forms were distributed.

*Holiday Meeting* The Board discussed venue and program for the December 14 abbreviated meeting and dinner. Staff was asked to book the OFB conference room. Board members will bring desserts. Brenda Frketich reported that she will not be at annual meeting but announced her intention to run for MCFB Vice President.

*Oregon Wheat Growers:* Brenda Frketich reported that she and Kathy Hadley had been working with the Oregon Wheat Growers League which has opted out of Ag-PAC.

## **OFB Advisory Committee Reports**

OFB had forwarded a list of committees for editing, along with committee nomination forms. John encouraged Bob Dettwyler to continue on the OFB committees.

### **OFBF District 15 Director's Report**

Bruce Chapin reported that the Board will hold a conference call the following morning.

### **YF&R**

Brenda Frketich reported that the leadership conference is coming up and registration is included on the OFB registration form. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for associate or non-members. Clackamas and Marion Counties will hold a joint event on November 30 at Seven Brides Brewery at 6:00 p.m. Dave Dillon will provide a recap of the election. Brent Satern of Country Companies will also be in attendance.

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

Connie Young reported that she is working to gather complimentaries for the Annual Dinner as well as for the Country Store at the OFB Convention.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Troy Hadley announced his intentions to run for MCFB President.
- John Zielinski announced that if he is successful in his bid for OFB 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, he will no longer serve as MCFB President.
- Dylan Wells reported that the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District is looking for a MCFB Board member to serve on its Budget Committee.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at the OFB office in Salem.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.