

**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – November 20, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was present:

**Board Members Present**

John Zielinski, President  
Greg Bennett  
Jeff Butsch  
Bob Dettwyler  
Dan Goffin  
Troy Hadley  
Scott Miller  
Connie Young  
Kathleen Carl  
Joe Sherman

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter  
Genoa Ingram

**Not Present:**

Brenda Frketich  
Bruce Chapin

**Guests:**

Lon Young  
Stuart Olson

**Consent Agenda**

*Minutes:* Board members reviewed the minutes of the October 16, 2013

**MOTION:** Moved by Scott Miller and seconded by Greg Bennett to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

*Financials:* Board members reviewed the October 16, 2013 financial report.

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

**Member Reviews:**

Reviewed 2 voting member requests - moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Roger Dejager to approve the voting membership status.

**Guest Input**

*Stuart Olson* – Brought up issue about fee increase of the recycling/refuse center and requested that MCFB send a letter stating the concern of the farms with increased dumping.

By consensus MCFB will write letter about the impact on agricultural community.

**Old Business**

Annual Meeting Board was happy with the attendance at the Annual Meeting and the participation of the scholarship winner and the Oregon & Marion Dairy Princesses. Next time staff will need to include budget/financials and ballot for all voting members.

League of Women Voters Event – Brenda will report on this at December meeting.

Rural Rail Meeting – Dan Goffin reviewed the Oregon Passenger Rail preliminary map and discussed the information at the meeting he attended. Attachment provided for all board to review. President Zielinski asked staff to keep an eye out for information regarding this.

### **New Business**

December Holiday Meeting – Board discussed options for location. OFB office was determined to be the most convenient. Staff was asked to secure the space, order nice heavy appetizers and send out information to Board with all details. Potluck for desserts. RSVP by Dec. 12 for food order.

Confirm Travel/Logistics for OFB Convention - Staff confirmed lodging and conference registration for the 5 Board Members attending. A check will be sent in advance to pay for all hotel rooms at Riverhouse.

Planning for 2014: Setting goals for the coming year: Projects, committees, leadership training, classes, recruitment -

Member Relations – gain new members, give value to current members

Classes, Workshops, Trainings: SPCC, First Aid, Food Safety, Livestock CAFO, Farm Tour, SB 1010- ODA Water Quality, How to Testify at Legislature,

Board – what are we doing to keep members happy and bringing on new board members to the association

Youth Education

Reach out to the wine industry

Reach out to organic farmers

Projects/Politics – any issues to work on as an association

Tax on farm stands

Communication with Commissioners

Campaigns/Politics – County Commissioner, GMO Initiative, Trapping Bill,

Merkely re-election,

Outreach to local colleges

Scholarships

Board will review brainstorming ideas in January and determine which items should be the focus for 2014.

Board discussed SPCC meeting in February or early March. Time is essential on this matter and Board agreed it should not wait. Staff to contact Ag Compliance about running the event.

Request for Funding: 4H and FFA Ads – Moved by Dan Goffin seconded by Kathleen Carl to run the 4 months of ads in Capitol Press to support 4H and FFA, \$180.00 expenditure. Motion passed.

### **OFB Advisory Committees**

Land Use Advisory Committee President Zielinski and Dan Goffin attended meeting. Questions about structures and permits on farms were brought up by farmer prompting many questions that may cause unfavorable fall out. The committee determined no farm stand resolutions at this time. One resolution on loss of private land was drafted to make sure a hearing process is put in place.

Ag Production/Transportation Committee Troy Hadley attended, Katie Fast reviewed special session and talked about February session. Expecting something on GMO, Columbia River Bridge, and clean fuel.

Resolutions – #1 Drivers Education from Benton County, #2 Any action that would limit the legislature for overriding crop decision made by OSU Extension Services from Polk county, #3 Crop co-existence from Yamhill County

### **OFB District 15 Representative's Report**

No report – Bruce was not present.

### **YF&R**

Troy Hadley reported - State tour was a big success – full three days.

Had meeting last week, Brenda is planning a tour to John Deere Factory in January.

### **Women's Advisory**

Connie requested assistance with commodity bag donations and items for Country Store. Board discussed ideas for donations or possibility of purchasing a small item.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dan Goffin to approve expense of approximately \$360.00 for commodities for OFB Convention, seconded by Kathleen Carl. **Motion passed.**

Connie will call Oregon Cherry Growers or EZ Orchards for product. Connie is on the awards committee, awards for convention were determined.

Working on scrapbook updates.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Ag Business Banquet – discussed RSVP for banquet. Board will pay for Board Member and Spouse/Guest.

Reviewed McLaranism's and that we will work towards great and excellence.

Focus – wherever you are, be there.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be December 18, 2013 at the Oregon Farm Bureau Office, Holiday Meeting/Social.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.