

Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – October 12, 2016
MINUTES

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. A quorum was present:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Not Present:

Keith Ditchen
Stuart Olson
Matt Schuster
Joe Sherman

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram

Guests:

Congressman Kurt Schrader
John Sandeau, Staff, Cong. Kurt Schrader
Jenny Dressler, OFB Lobbyist
Katie Fast, Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Lon Young
Gail Dettwyler
Joe Ruef
Genevieve Sheridan, Oregon Cannabis
Business Council
Ryan Fili, Willamette Supply Company

Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 14, 2016, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the yearend financial reports for 2015/2015 fiscal year, the association reported a positive net income with less expenses realized than originally budgeted. With October 1, 2016 being the beginning of the new fiscal year, staff provided some very brief reports of small income and expenses realized in the first 2 weeks of the month.

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

Membership Approvals

- Patrick Cauley
- Debra Bowe

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Roger DeJager to approve Patrick Cauley as a voting member and Debra Bowe as a supporting member. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports:

OFB Convention: Dylan Wells reported that there have been no significant changes since the last Board meeting but he brought copies of the schedule for distribution.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Guest Speakers

Congressman Kurt Schrader provided an overview of recent Congressional accomplishments including the farm bill, transportation bill, and a reversal of “No Child Left Behind”.

Genevieve Sheridan, Oregon Cannabis Business Council discussed efforts to increase the presence of cannabis businesses outside the Portland area and discussed ballot measures that might be detrimental to the business.

Katie Fast, Oregonians for Food and Shelter, distributed information on legislative issues moving to the ballot box including aerial spray ban for Lincoln County. Of specific concern is a pesticide ban filed within the City of Salem but it does not appear it will move forward.

New Business

Drainage Districts Greg Bennett reported that a meeting had been scheduled with DEQ regarding drainage districts and asked if Mary Ann should be present. Jenny Dressler will notify Mary Ann.

Legislative Update Jenny Dressler reported that OFB is very involved in rulemaking for labor legislation and discussed OFB’s “*I Farm, I Vote*” Campaign.

Old Business

MCFB Budget Staff reviewed the proposed budget for 2016-17, noting that the associate dues change was not referenced, and pending action at the OFB Annual Meeting. Board members discussed the budget and questioned expenditures from previous years.

MOTION: Moved by Dylan Wells and seconded by Roger DeJager to approve the budget as presented with two changes: 1) delete the \$500 allocated to the tractor driving courses and add an additional Scott scholarship; 2) remove the “other expenditures” line item.

Motion passed.

Advisory Committees

Troy reported that he attended the Ag Production and Transportation Committee where they reviewed and voted on adoption of resolutions. He summarized resolutions reviewed.

OFBF District 15 Director’s Report

No report.

YF&R

Brenda Frketch reported that an event was scheduled for the end of November at Seven Brides Brewery for a recap of the election results by OFB staff. A representative from County Financial has also been invited. As of December, Brenda will be stepping off the Committee and Anne Kraemer would be taking her place. She suggested that Anne would make an excellent MCFB Board member at some point. A Leadership Conference is planned for December 6 at a cost of \$30 per person, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members and non-members are invited to attend.

Women’s Advisory Council

No report.

Agenda Items for November

- Resolutions.

President's Report

Ag in the Classroom Event President Zielinski announced that Ag in the Classroom had forwarded an invitation to its event.

Future Plans President Zielinski announced that he plans to run for 3rd Vice President of the OFB Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at the Court Street office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.