

**Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – October 16, 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
Brenda Frketich
Dan Goffin
Troy Hadley
Scott Miller
Connie Young

Not Present:

Roger Dejager
Kathleen Carl
Bruce Chapin
Joe Sherman

Guests:

Senator Alan Olson (R-Canby)
Gail Greenman, Director of National Affairs, OFB
Lon Young

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 26, 2013

MOTION: Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Troy Hadley to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting as amended to reflect the correct date, Bruce Chapin present and Austin Chapin not present. **Motion passed.**

Financials: Board members reviewed the September 26, 2013 financial report.

MOTION: Moved by Brenda Frketich and seconded by Jeff Butsch to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Input

Sen. Alan Olson Sen. Olson discussed issues impacting natural resources including land use, fuel production, water right/water leasing and the economy. He offered to assist MCFB with any issues in the future.

Gail Greenman, Director of National Affairs, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation provided an update on the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC). Brenda noted that Wilco is holding workshops on the 29th and 30th of October. She will forward the information to be posted on the MCFB website.

Old Business

Annual Meeting Staff reviewed the Annual Meeting Flyer and reported that meeting plans were on track. Board members discussed the election process and reviewed a draft ballot.

New Business

Agro Awards Staff reported that the Agro Awards had been completed and the draft would be forwarded to the Board for review. They are due Friday afternoon to OFB.

New Fees President Zielinski reported that Marion County Fire District #1 is now requiring permits for Fall Harvest Festivals at a cost of \$250. The new policy will also include fire inspections and possible new requirements such as treating hay bales.

ODOT Rail Workshop ODOT would like a representative from MCFB for a meeting on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center to provide input on options for commuter rail from Portland to Eugene. Dan Goffin offered to attend to provide an agricultural perspective. Staff was asked to contact Larry Wells

League of Women Voters Forum Brenda Frketich reported that she planned to attend the Forum which would also include the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Women for Ag, and Friends of Family Farmers.

OFB Advisory Committees

Land Use Advisory Committee President Zielinski reported that he had received notice of an Advisory Committee meeting on land use in conjunction with farm direct marketing mid-day on October 29. Gail added that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a LUBA decision regarding a pumpkin patch with corn maize that included a ladder for the purpose of locating lost children. LUBA had found the ladder to be a permanent structure. The Advisory Committee will also discuss resolutions. Gail reported that two resolutions had been received: one from Benton County relating to foreign-government owned land in Oregon, and one from Coos/Curry relating to loss of private property rights.

Marion County Storm Water Management Dan Goffin reported that the EPA had sent out a map on storm water management, indicating that fees would be charged per tax lot to support the storm water management program.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: No additional report. MCFB has met its membership goal.

OFB District 15 Representative's Report

No report – Bruce is Chapin ill; the State Board has not met.

YF&R

Brenda Kirsch reported that there was still space available on the Ag Tour scheduled for November 8-10, at a cost of \$25.00 per person. She also thanked the Board for sponsoring the noon meal and invited Board members to attend. The event will be held at Chapin Farms. The Annual Leadership Conference will be held in Virginia Beach in February. At the county level, a dinner is scheduled for October 24 in Silverton. On January 21, a trip is planned to the John Deere manufacturing plant. John Deere is absorbing much of the cost. Brenda also announced that she and her husband are expecting their first child.

Women's Advisory

Connie Young reported that hats have been ordered as promotional items, as discussed. She also asked about the donation for Ronald McDonald House. President Zielinski noted that, since it is in the budget, no further action is needed.

Future Agenda Items

President Zielinski reported that MCFB had been approached by RS Energy for a Board presentation on solar panels. Board members suggested that vendors not be included in the Board meetings; rather individual members could set up meetings and vendors have the option of purchasing a booth at the Annual Convention.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during the Annual Meeting in November.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.