

**Marion County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting – October 8, 2014
MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was not present and members acted as a subcommittee to recommend actions for ratification by the full Board:

Board Members Present

John Zielinski, President
Greg Bennett
Kathleen Carl
Connie Young
Scott Miller
Troy Hadley

Not Present:

Bruce Chapin
Roger DeJager
Bob Dettwyler
Brenda Frketich
Dan Goffin
Joe Sherman

Guests:

Joel Blount, Keudell/Morrison Wealth Management
Doug Kramer, Berries NW

OFB Staff:

N/A

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Connie Young to recommend that the full Board approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014, as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financials: Staff reviewed the financial documents, recapping the fiscal year and noting a positive balance, even though a negative balance had been anticipated. Officer Travel, leadership training and YF&R expenses were down from previous years.

MOTION: Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Kathleen Carl to recommend that the full Board approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Speakers

MCFB Investments Joel Blount, Keudell/Morrison Wealth Management, provide an overview of MCFB's investment portfolio and provided an overview of how the global economy and local policies affect investments.

Trust for Public Lands Doug Krahmer, Berries NW, reported on efforts to identify the loss of working farmland in Oregon and reasons for the decline. He recommended that MCFB make a financial investment in the Trust in order to have a stake in policy development and how the findings are used. Doug's goal is to secure donations from three county Farm Bureaus in the amount of \$5,000 each. Funds would be used to study and determine the rate of loss and why.

Membership Approvals:

No membership applications were received.

Old Business:

Update on Fall Festival Fire Code Regulations: President Zielinski provided a brief summary, noting that any final decision would not affect this season.

Update on Marion County Extension and 4-H District: Genoa Ingram reported that she had provided testimony on behalf of MCFB the previous Wednesday and there would be a second hearing on November 12 when the Marion County Commissioners are expected to vote to place the formation of the special district on the May ballot.

MCFB Annual Meeting: Staff reviewed the logistics for the Annual Meeting. Staff also reported that Kyle Sexton had been secured for guest speaker for a substantial reduction in his fee (essentially for a purchase of 50 of Kyle's books). By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend that the full Board approve the agreement with Kyle.

2014-15 Proposed Budget: Jessica Carpenter reviewed the draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 based on previous years' expenditures and income. Board members discussed Doug Krahmer's request for funding for the Trust for Public Lands study. Members felt that the study was primarily a statewide issue and noted that MCFB is not a lobbying entity; however, it was also noted that MCFB had traditionally been more invested in land use issues.

Board members expressed concern that MCFB is at the beginning of a new budget year and that perhaps another "hot goods" or similar issue may arise and require additional expenditure.

By consensus, Board members agreed to defer the issue and the full budget to the November meeting when a quorum is present.

New Business:

Ag Awards: Staff reported that work on the 2014 Agro Awards was near completion. Brenda Frketich and Connie Young had been sent copies in order to review their sections.

MCFB Membership Drive:

President Zielinski encouraged Board members to attend membership drive coffees as they are scheduled in their areas.

OFB Advisory Committee:

No report.

OFBF District 15 Director's Report:

No report.

YF&R Report: Troy Hadley reported on behalf of Brenda Frketich:

At the county level YF&R is planning to have an event in November to discuss farm trespassing and theft and identify farmer rights. The date and time have yet to be set up but will be scheduled soon.

At the state level a Leadership Conference is being planned prior to the OFB Annual Meeting in Salishan. The flyer is attached along with registration information. This conference is for farmers of all ages and we would love to have as many participants as possible!

Women's Advisory Council: Connie Young reported on acquisition of items for the Country Store.

November Agenda Items:

Community Meetings

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Troy Hadley reported that Dean Freeborn had extended an invitation for an Oregon Farm Bureau Open House on election night.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.