

**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
**Board of Directors Meeting –May 11, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

President John Zielinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**Absent:**

Bruce Chapin  
Matt Schuster  
Keith Ditchen

**Guests:**

Anne Rigor

**Staff:**

Jessica Carpenter

**Guest Speakers**

**Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 13, 2016, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Troy Hadley and seconded by Kathleen Carl to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Staff reviewed the current financial reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, noting that expenses are tracking with the budget.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Dettwyler and seconded by Dylan Wells to approve the financials as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Membership Approvals**

- Motion by Greg Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie Young to approve Ryan Davidson as a new voting member
- Motion by Dylan Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen Carl to approve Scott Krahmer as a new voting member
- Motion by Brenda Frketich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen Carl to approve Kyle Schurter as a new voting member

**President's Report**

President Zielinski reported on the following items:

- OFB Items
  - Sick Leave Workshop on May 23
  - Annual Meeting Survey
  - Minimum Wage Rulemaking closes on May 23 – Send personalized comments to BOLI through OFB Website page.
  - Petition against IP 28, the \$5 Billion gross receipt tax initiative.
    - **Motion:** Moved by Troy Hadley and second by Dylan Wells to draft letter in opposition of IP 28. Staff asked to draft a letter.
  - Primary party scheduled next Tuesday at 7:30pm at OFB.
  - Jenny Dresler will attend the next board meeting and report on any potential antibiotic issue. Staff to invite Jenny to June meeting.
  - President Zielinski will be presenting to OFB next Wednesday, May 18, 2016 to share about what happens at the IAC events.

### **Committee Reports:**

Ag Tour: President Zielinski asked if some of our committee would be interested in helping with any Ag Tour that takes place during the OFB Convention in December, the committee members all agreed to assist.

Scholarship: Brenda Frketich reviewed updated scholarships, discussed Facebook boost with over 9000 reaches and shared that flyers that were created to promote.

OFB Convention: Committee met recently to discuss the purpose of the convention and discuss some potential new ideas including some un-programed social time. Social hour, hospitality room, discussed moving the dates to before Thanksgiving but was not well received so dates will likely remain in December. President Zielinski discussed MCFB hosting an event with a drink ticket and light appetizers and also renting a hotel room for a themed hospitality event.

Membership: Committee met before board meeting today and reviewed a current membership list that was received from OFB. The committee will be reviewing this list for any past due members that might renew and also anyone that is not a member that is a potential new member.

### **Old Business**

Spot Checking Pesticide Applicator Nothing new to report on this.

CPR Classes Staff reported that the remaining two classes were held and were successful. Group discussed that we need to book these earlier in the year to make it more accommodating, suggested February.

Marion County Fair Sponsorship

Discussed the sponsorship package, planning to use the Road Safety display that Anne Rigor offered, does not need to be staffed but some clean up and checking in if board are present during the event.

Mary Eyre Career Day Dana Estensen attended career day with over 300 students. President Zielinski donated apples for the event. Dana said it went well and is happy to do this type of event when available.

### **New Business**

Owyhee Canyon Funding Request MCFB has received a request for a donation. Board discussed the request and that it was worthwhile to support the efforts.

**Motion** by Stuart Olson to donate \$500.00 to Owyhee Canyon Coalition, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger DeJager.  
Motion Passed.

*MCFB Dues Structure* Board discussed if the current dues structure is sufficient or if it needs to be changed. Discussed tiered dues, should it be included or optional. By consensus the group decided that keeping the same is fine at this time and reviewing this next year.

*Soccer Field Proposal* Board reviewed information about potential new soccer fields, looked at the map and what are potential concerns with having farm use land next to athletic use fields with children. By consensus the board does not feel that this is a good location for soccer fields.

*Candidate Interviews* Board discussed booking candidate interviews over the next two months after primaries have concluded. Discussed format for interviews to help stay on topic and get questions of interest answered and agreed having a list of potential questions developed available to keep the conversation including:

- IP 28
- Land Use
- Minimum Wage – BOLI Admin Rules
- H2A Program
- What's seasonal and what is part time
- Water quality and resources
- Development of water storage – allocation of use – ag, urban, recreation?
- Pesticides: worker protection standards, setbacks, drift, aerial application

*OFB Election Party* Discussed above under President's report. MCFB is contributing \$50.00 to refreshment cost.

### **Advisory Committees**

Labor Committee – Stuart Olson provided update on recent meeting – experiencing issues when using labor contractors with not meeting their obligations regarding reporting and necessary information that employers need. OFB is working on options to hold these parties responsible. The responsibility falls back to the farmer when the labor contractors do not handle their business according to the new labor laws.

Discussed H2A program and how to help farmers with this issue; training wage, travel between the different wage tiers, oversight in the law that your spouse or family members do not apply to the wage rules, but the actual employer does fall under the requirements.

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

No report.

### **YF&R**

No YFR report.

Brenda Frketch shared about Social Media training opportunity to help Ag Industry to be more powerful on social media to combat the anti-agriculture industry messages that are out there.

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

Connie Young shared about success of the Ag Fest, numerous dirt babies were made and the event was wonderful. Many board members assisted this year and Connie thanked them. Marion County provides 20% of the funds to purchase the supplies for Ag Education program.

**Agenda Items for June**

Dues structures

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Court Street office in Salem.

**Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.