



**Marion County Farm Bureau**  
 “Bringing Value to our Members”  
 Board Meeting: May 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM  
 Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

**Hall of Fame Room**  
**1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301**

**Minutes**

| <b>Board Members</b>   | <b>Jan</b> | <b>Feb</b> | <b>Mar</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>Jun</b> | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Sep</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>Nov</b> | <b>Dec</b> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Greg Bennett           | X          | X          | X          | -          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Claire Billman         |            |            |            |            | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Bruce Chapin           | -          | -          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Jessie DeJager         | X          | -          | X          | X          | -          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Dana Estensen          | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Cheyne Fobert          |            |            | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Graham Fordyce         | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Stuart Olson           | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Joe Ruef               | X          | X          | -          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Casey Stadel           | X          | -          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Dylan Wells            | -          | X          | -          | -          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Claire Zielinski       | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| John Zielinski         | X          | -          | X          | -          | X          |            |            |            |            |            |            |

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

Guests: Brent Satern (Country Financial)

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

**Guest**

Brent Satern with Country Financial gave the board an overview of Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) and other liability risks farmers and ag producers face.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Board reviewed minutes from April 10, 2024 meeting.

**Motion:** Claire Zielinski moved to approve the minutes as presented; Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Financials:** Board reviewed financial reports ending in April 30, 2024.

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to receive the financial reports; Bruce Chapin seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Old Business**

**Ag in the Classroom** – Information presented on sponsoring program’s Fall Banquet.

**Motion:** Greg Bennett moved to split annual donation of \$2000 and direct half to banquet sponsorship; John Zielinski seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Tier Dues** – Clarification needed on where to direct Governmental Affairs tier dues.

**Motion:** Bruce Chapin moved to direct to OFB Political Action Committee; John Zielinski seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Top Concerns** – Board discussed more important issues of county: Spray Drift, Employee Overtime, Biosolids, EPA Pesticide, Roadside Vendors, CAFOs and Animal Rights, Daylight Savings, FEMA

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**Roadside Vendors** – Agencies passing responsibility. Shelly Boshart Davis working on finding solutions. Commissioner Danielle Bethel invited to June meeting to discuss. Will be brought up at next OFB President’s Meeting.

**Unmuffled Exhaust Breaks** – John Zielinski working with Public Works office

**Temperature TMDL** – DEQ and ODA attending June meeting to discuss

**SAI Teacher** – Program contacted MCFB with potential teacher; office will ask program to direct part of donation towards scholarship for teacher

**STEAM Fair Sponsorship** – Jill Ingalls presented larger sponsorship agreement to create new STEAM game signs with larger Ag focus and MCFB logos.

**Motion:** Dylan Wells moved to increase sponsorship by \$1400 to \$1900 total; Casey Stadel seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

## **New Business**

**Elections** – 2022 Candidate Questionnaire distributed to board for updates and revisions before asking 2024 candidates to respond. Candidates will be invited to attend meetings in July and August after primaries.

## **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Finance** – Committee met with Joel from Keudell/Morrison to discuss CD rates.

**Motion:** Dylan Wells moved to direct \$55,00 from MCFB savings account into 2-year CD with approximately 5% rate through Keudell/Morrison, Claire Zielinski seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion:** John Zielinski moved to give staff approval to work with Keudell/Morrison to move funds as directed in previous motion; Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Membership** – Large push coming from OFB over next year to increase membership.

**Scholarship** – 15 recipients chosen from 39 applicants. Would like to hold 50/50 raffle or Raise the Paddle at Annual Dinner to increase scholarship funds.

**Ag Tour** – Working with Austin to establish best tour plan for politician attendance

## **AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees**

Summarized Spring Committee Days. Fall Days set for Oct. 7-8. Priority to fix Zoom sound in board room.

## **OFB District 15 Director’s Report**

Reported on OFB Director’s Meeting from earlier this month. Solar Farms, Water, Climate, Cap and Trade, and Flood Planes discussed.

## **YF&R Report**

State board meeting in Pendleton this month. Local YF&R meeting planned for June. Claire Zielinski interviewed by Capital Press for Women in Ag feature.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

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### Upcoming Events:

June 20: Iowa State Farm Bureau touring Oregon

Oct. 7-8: Fall Committee Days

Nov. 20: MCFB Annual Dinner

June 28: OFB Presidents’ Meeting

Oct. 29: Presidents’ Training

June 14: Farm Dog Day, Wood Shoe Tulip Farm

Dec.: OFB Annual Convention, Salishan

Nov. 9: YF&R Leadership Conference, Bend

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