



Marion County Farm Bureau
 “Bringing Value to our Members”
 Board Meeting: November 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM
 Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

Union Hill Grange
15775 Grange Rd SE, Sublimity

Minutes

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

Staff: Jill Ingalls
 Guests: Tom Brawley

President Dana Estensen called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from October 2024 meeting.

Motion: Joe Ruef moved to approve the minutes as presented; Bruce Chapin seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Financials: Board reviewed financial reports ending in Sept. 31, 2024.

Motion: Greg Bennett moved to receive the financial reports; Casey Stadel seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

New Business

Membership Database - Dana reported the OFB member database is still working through the new system.

Each county farm bureau has different member fee structures which makes the membership program somewhat challenging. For some processes, OFB staff is required to manually manipulating the system. There is an option for MCFB to pay an annual fee of \$600 in order to access the data directly for confirming membership status and updating records with emails, phone numbers and notes.

Revenue Share - The revenue share and funds level from Country Financial are yet unknown but are projecting to be even less than originally hoped. A dues increase proposed by OFB will be discussed at the OFB annual convention.

Bill Stuffers - Bill stuffers from individual counties is a new option being considered to be included with the Dues billings.

OFB Committees - John Zielinski urged everyone to look at the committee list and either remove yourself if you aren't actively participating or sign up for a committee! Dana will distribute this to all board members.

YF&R - Claire reported the YF&R meeting went well with a good turn out. Kendall Jones from Polk Farm Bureau did a class on real estate and water rights, and we agreed to go forward with the same program (and include OAT) the beginning of 2025 for our members.

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Future Meeting Agenda Items

Consideration of OFB fee in order to access to new membership database.

Tom Brawley brought our attention to a group planning to advocate for allowing multiple trailers, homes, etc. on parcels less than 5 acres. We would like to find out more information and discuss at an upcoming meeting.

January meeting to discuss upcoming year's strategy and planning including Farm Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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