



Marion County Farm Bureau
 “Bringing Value to our Members”
 Board Meeting: February 12, 2025 – 6:30 PM
 Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

OFB Board Room
1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Minutes

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

Staff: Jill Ingalls, Ashley Christie

Guest: Angela Plowhead, Marion Soil and Water Board

Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp called the meeting to order at 6:39pm

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board review minutes from January 2025 meeting.

Motion: Joe Ruef moved to approve the minutes as presented; Casey Stadel seconded.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Financials: Board reviewed financial reports ending in January 31, 2025.

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Old Business

Dues and Membership – Unpaid member list presented to board. Bruce Chapin working to answer Tier Due questions and should have report at March meeting.

New Banner – Staff presented banner design options.

Motion: Graham moved to have new county banner made with “Your Farm. Your Family. Your Future.” slogan; John Zielinski seconded.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Marionberries Summer Picnic – Staff working on contacting team; will update at March meeting.

Ag Tour – Keith Sprauer with Miller Farms working on organizing a Hazelnut workshop and farm tour in June and would potentially like MCFB to sponsor a part of it. Staff will invite to upcoming meeting. Board also discussed spring legislative tour with open house format with ending at winery or brewery vs. bus tour. Staff will form ag tour committee with Ryan Krabill and Austin McClister at OFB, Angela Plowhead, John Zielinski.

Bicyclists – John Zielinski will invite Salem Bike Club to upcoming meeting to discuss road safety issues.

Barred Owl – Board discussed Barred Owls being hunted because of Spotted Owl population. Discussion tabled to March to hear back from Ed Diehl.

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Floodplain Protection – Board reviewed letter from OFB asking for donations to aid in Floodplain Protection Coalition.

Motion: Bruce Chapin moved to donate \$2500 to Floodplain Protection; Graham Fordyce seconded.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Senate Bill 936 – Multnomah Water

Motion: John Zielinski moved to instruct staff to write letter in opposition to the committee handling the bill; Claire Billman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

AFBF Convention – John Zielinski attended convention and gave wrap-up of his time there.

AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees – John Zielinski

Committee Chairs have all been approved at recent meeting and Who's Who will be available soon.

OFB District 15 Director's report – Bruce Chapin

Committee Days took place this week and meetings were summarized. Highlights include: Action Alert website redesign being worked on; Elizabeth Foster hired as membership specialist; 16% retention of associate memberships.

YF&R report – Claire Zielinski

Assessing Your Business and Accessing Farmland workshop will be February 22.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location: OFB BOARDROOM

Important Dates:

Feb. 22: Land/Water Rights Workshop

March 7: CPR Classes

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