



Marion County Farm Bureau

“Bringing Value to our Members”

Board Meeting: March 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	X								
Bruce Chapin	X	X	X								
Jessie DeJager	X	-	X								
Dana Estensen	X	-	-								
Cheyne Fobert	-	-	X								
Graham Fordyce	X	X	X								
Anne Krahrmer-Steinkamp	X	X	X								
Stuart Olson	X	X	X								
Joe Ruef	X	X	X								
Casey Stadel	X	X	-								
Claire Zielinski	X	X	X								
John Zielinski	X	X	X								

Staff: Ashley Christie

Guest: Keith Sprauer, Miller Hazelnut Farms

Anne Krahrmer-Steinkamp called the meeting to order at 6.35pm

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes from February 2025 meeting.

Motion: Claire Billman moved to approve the minutes as presented; Joe Ruef seconded.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Financials: Board reviewed financial reports ending in February 28, 2025.

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Old Business

Hazelnut Tour/Workshop – Keith Sprauer with Miller Hazelnut Farms presented on Hazelnut Tour and Workshop he is organizing on June 14. Will be a YF&R sponsored event and include class led by Nik Wyman, Orchard Crop Specialist from OSU, for pesticide credits. Is looking for additional sponsors. Will attend April meeting with more event details. FB can also support with poster creation, share event on social media and newsletters.

Marionberries Spring Picnic – Staff presented pricing options for large groups and possibility of Ag Day partnership. Staff will get more information and present at April meeting.

CPR/First Aid Class – Class was well attended and instructors were knowledgeable. There were 22 attendees for English session and 8 for Spanish.

New Business

Legislative Report – Hearing today on HB 2548, Claire Zielinski testified. HB 3133 not anticipated to move forward this session.

OFB Strategic Plan/New OFB Policies – New policies on reimbursement and volunteers distributed to board.

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AFBF and OFB Advisory Committees – John Zielinski

Incorrect version of “Who’s Who” printed. Corrections will be made on electronic version. Importance of attending committee meetings was stressed.

OFB District 15 Director’s report – Bruce Chapin

Meeting this month, will have update at April meeting.

YF&R report – Claire Zielinski

Ag Land Workshop – Workshop was well attended with good speakers and discussion. Will continue with similar workshops in the future on: Taxes, Succession, Student Aid, etc. Would like to duplicate around state and share with other counties.

Women’s Committee report – Jessie DeJager

Upcoming events include: Ronald McDonald House grocery shopping trips, Ag Fest, and workshop in October

Future Meeting Agenda Items

Kirk Maag, ODA Board, attending April meeting. Board created list of questions to give in advance:

1. Can you share more about your background in agriculture and the types of cases you work on?
2. What trends are you currently seeing in Oregon agriculture?
3. How is the Department of Agriculture addressing concerns about pesticide drift, including testing, regulation, and device calibration?
4. With staffing challenges at ODA, how is the department handling vacancies and ensuring adequate support for farmers?
5. What is the status of vacancies on commodity commissions, and how can producers get involved?
6. What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities for the future of agriculture in Oregon?

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53pm

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location: OFB BOARDROOM

Upcoming Dates:

April 4: 7am, OFB Monthly Member Briefing via ZOOM
April 15: MCFB Scholarship Deadline
April 26-27: Ag Fest
May 6: OFB Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception
July 10-13: Marion County Fair
Late Sept./Early Oct.: OFB Washington DC Trip
November: MCFB Annual Meeting
December: OFB Annual Convention

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