



Multnomah County Farm Bureau

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: September 24, 2020, 7-9 pm

Location: Call-in Only

Meeting Called to Order			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	09/24/2020		
Time:	7: PM		
Location:	Phone		
		Present	Absent
MCFB Board Directors:	Larry Bailey, President	x	
	Angi Bailey, Secretary	x	
	Deniece Tucker, Treasurer	x	
	Al Garre, Board Director	x	
	Helen Bushue, Board Director	x	
	Joe Rossi, Board Director		x
	John Bergan, Board Director	x	
MCFB Contractors:	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director	x	
OFB Board Directors:	Pete Postlewaite, Region 7 Board Director		x
MCFB Members:	Matt Shipkey, EMSWCD	x	
Other:	Barry Bushue	~	

No.	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE	PRESENTOR	HANDOUTS
1	7:00 (5 min)	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and adjust agenda	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A

Larry Bailey called meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review action ItemsReview/approve minutes	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 5/21/2020 Mins
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Jay reviewed the nine action items on page 7 of the 5/21/2020 minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes: Al Garre moved.

Seconded: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Carried/passed



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REPRESENTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (10 min)	Election Year Activities/Candidates	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Not as busy of a summer in terms of election year outreach as expected. Sent letter to OFB regarding House District 52. Looking for farmer in Senate District 25; Justin who is running, would like to talk to a farmer in Fairview. Justin doesn't know a lot about farming, wants to talk with someone in district. Ended up not connecting him yet.

Joe Rossi had reached out to several people regarding the EMSWCD board positions; several farmers are now running: Zone 1 Joe Rossi; Zone 2 Grant Eisele; At-large 1 Jim Carlson; and At-large 2 Lars Granstrom. Will be helpful to get people on board with farming experience. Exciting to get people interested.

Jay: All positions are running un-opposed for WMSWCD. Will be good to consider getting them some competition next time around.

Action: If someone knows of a farmer contact in Fairview, let Larry know.

4	7:20 (10 min)	Region 7 Policy Report	Information	Pete Postlewaite Angi Bailey	N/A
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Angi (stepping in for Pete who couldn't make it): OFB met on Monday and Tuesday of this week; every meeting except February has been remote; normally 2 full days and partial budget day; with zoom tried to condense material; OFB not seeing dip in membership related to COVID; situations like this the impact tends to occur the following year; planning and budgeting if there needs to be cutbacks in the future. We are working to assure that OFB stays in a good spot financially. OFB's net worth is over \$11M; only 2nd time over that amount. A lot of positivity but also uncertainty. 2021 is long session. Session might start later to dodge cold and flu season; may be a remote session; will pose a challenge with lobbyists; Angi testified over summer remotely from her car – just makes it difficult. OFB priorities are: safeguard water and land use; oppose OWRD reinterpreting water rights authority; protect access to production tools farmers rely on for viability ... pesticides, etc; limit impact to those tools. Likely to be several pesticide products during session; strengthen Oregon's economy and make sure farmers are competitive. Environmental stewardship priority: oppose carbon policy, support forestry wildfire prevention, invasion species, promote ag for benefit of farmers and ranchers; support legislation for state hemp plan; and enhance rural communities.

Other thing regarding House District 52 race: OFB board voted to remain neutral; Anna has done enough positive things that OFB is concerned about risking that relationship; Agpac was a dual endorsement; list of full endorsements will come out.



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5	7:30 (5 min)	Regulatory Permit Reviews	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Reviewed 5 DSL permits over the summer to screen for impacts to farming; no likely impacts obvious.

ASSISTING FARMERS

6	7:35 (10 min)	Activity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID information• Farm worker safe shelter information• Evacuation information• Training credits• Regenerative farming• Accountant search• Find A Farm• Opportunities web page	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Reviewed the list above. Assistance-related information was sent out to members and non-members through email, Facebook, Instagram, and telephone. Two member farmers reported contracting COVID and requested any assistance we could provide. Several pieces of information were sent regarding wildfires. Spoke on the phone with a woman from a Seattle-based organization who wanted to know how much “regenerative farming” was taking place in the county. Continuing to add to the Find A Farm list; we have approximately 130 farms listed. Created a new “Opportunities” page on the website to host information about farm jobs and volunteer opportunities, farmland for sale or lease, and farm equipment for sale or lease.

Denice: Asked about regenerative farming.

Jay: Responded that regenerative farming is kind of the next evolution of organic farming, but it’s more about putting back and diversifying the system [largely to sequester carbon]. See: <https://www.wri.org/blog/2020/05/regenerative-agriculture-climate-change>

7	7:45 (10 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	Matt Shipkey	N/A
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Matt: Staff are working remotely except for field work and at Headwaters Farm; had one COVID positive farmer at Headwaters. Should be close (October) to hiring a new Executive Director. Land Legacy closed on several easements; hope to have a newsletter out about this in a couple of weeks. Still doing field work for ag assistance and cost share; in Sept approved drip irrigation for Ekstrom Nursery. Streamcare Program opened up Buck Creek and Bonny Brook Creek in addition to the other streams. Conditions of new sign up include EMSWCD doing work to remove blackberries, replanting with native vegetation, asking landowner to sign a 5 year agreement not to disturb the areas. Most people after 5 years continue to participate.



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CONNECTING FARMERS

8	7:55 (10 min)	Annual Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCFB Annual Meeting• OFB Annual Meeting	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Tentative annual meeting scheduled for Rossi Farm; we could still do that; bylaws state that we have to have an annual meeting before OFB annual meeting. We need to provide written notification. We don't have to have face-to-face meeting, we just have to have one.

- Al: Annual meeting to elect board and delegates for state annual meeting; not sure about how to do remotely.
- Larry: Working on ways to have secret ballots via zoom call, but we could have face-to-face meeting.
- Al: If we decide not to have face to face meeting, need to let members know.
- Larry: We have options to do a hybrid; not opposed to socially distanced face to face or phone call. Wants to know preference.
- Al: Membership would understand that we should defer annual meeting until a later date.
- Larry: Guidance is that we should do something. If not, we'd just operate under status quo for directors, etc?
- Al: Move to review bylaws, if we didn't have to, defer annual meeting; in lieu of not having annual meeting board would fill seats for OFB meeting delegates.
- Larry: Discussion of differing annual meeting and letting current board nominate delegates for annual meeting; want to run it by OFB to make sure it's okay. Send out notification in October. Likely won't do face-to-face meeting.
- Deniece: Affirmed approach.

Action: Larry will check with OFB on MCFB annual meeting requirements and options.

Angie: OFB under contractual obligation with a facility to proceed with site-based annual meeting. They have toured the venue in Washington county; it has ability to observe social distancing guidelines for meetings and meals; limiting participants to delegates; no workshops; policy resolutions and elections only; Wednesday and Thursday only; delegates will have option to participate remotely; Dave Dillon has worked with other state farm bureaus to see what they've done; the only thing trying to figure out is secret ballot voting; our delegates can go or participate remotely – so hybrid approach.

- Larry: We do need delegates; but they won't have to go in person. Angie and Larry will go in person; understand if people don't want to be there in person. We have time to put this together.

Al: Section 4.2 of bylaws state our annual meeting notification requirements.

- Larry: We should have plenty of time to do that. If we want to, we can do a November annual meeting.
- Helen: Associates need to be notified and easiest way to do that is through OFB.

Action: Larry to check OFB annual meeting notification deadlines.

Jay: Confirmed cancellation of Rossi's 11/13.

- Larry: Angie's day job was to "meet with people." Started attending small number of meetings in limited



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capacity; people often have different approaches to the guidelines, which makes it difficult; wants to have what we planned for this year, next year; given the county and visibility doesn't want us to be the ones in the news about spreading COVID; we are cancelling what we had planned at Joe's.

- Jay: Not doing what we planned; won't do a joint meeting.
- Larry: Not the year for more people; we'll do it next year.

Action: Jay to reach out to Misty to let CCFB know of joint MCFB-CCFB joint annual meeting cancellation.

9	8:05 (5 min)	Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer newsletter• Brochure• Social media	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Newsletter b) Brochure
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Jay: We sent out approximately 300 newsletters using a new online program that affixes the stamps and addresses; this will now be more streamlined and easier to send out periodically since it has been set up. Also developed a brochure that I'll be taking around to rural farm stands, stores, farms with agritourism, etc. for distribution. Continued our outreach via Facebook and Instagram over the summer; nearly 200 followers (up from 0!) now on Instagram. Recruited for a new social media volunteer but that is still underway.

- Helen: Would like some brochures; Farm opens on Friday next week.
- Larry: Thanks for efforts to keep us visible; sent to Dave or OFB; Dave commented on newsletter.

Action: Jay to give all Board Directors brochures.

ASKING FARMERS					
10	8:10 (5 min)	Activity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice for young farmers	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A

Jay: While I had intended on doing more "Ask a Farmer" work this summer, I was busy with "Assisting Farmers," which is a priority. We fielded one question that John Bergan answered regarding advice for young farmers. John's response was posted on social media.

- Larry: Works well when there is a specific question posed.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS					
		No activity this period			



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ADMINISTRATION

11	8:15 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Resolutions are due by 10/1; he doesn't have anything; Agri award due 10/31; will defer to next meeting. As of now, we have 150 members; goal is 152; all in all very positive; we have 3 weeks until 10/15 deadline;

Action: Board Directors to reach out to Larry if they have a resolution to propose.

Action: Jay to reach back out to 2 unpaid members regarding membership renewal.

Larry: Mike Dillard reached out earlier to see if we had seats at the OFB trap shoot; Larry made executive decision at that time to approve a \$250 sponsorship; entertained motion for \$250 for the trap shoot.

Motion: Deniece Tucker motioned that MCFB donate \$250 to the OFB trap shoot.

Seconded: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Carried/passed

Larry: Water treatment facility going in east of Gresham; don't have a strong opinion about it; it is impacting farmers in the area; do we want to take a position? Does anyone have opinion or want to talk about it? If at later date anyone is interested let us know.

- Barry: Not a huge issue but they have to get a conditional use permit; if you wanted to weigh in that's how; besides transportation and traffic and taking nursery out of production; worries about future pesticide restrictions; eventually they'll likely want a buffer zone.

Action: Jay to include water treatment facility topic as future agenda item to discuss.

12	8:25 (15 min)	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial statementsFY20-21 draft budget & formatContract?	Information Decision	Deniece Tucker Jay Udelhoven	a) Financial reports b) FY20-21 draft budget c) Proposed budget format
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Deniece: Reviewed financials as of 9/16. Cash on hand between two bank accounts and CD. Another check in the mail. Almost end of year; still on positive side of net income; \$6K over with two paid positions. Any questions about 19-20 budget? Provided check register since last meeting in May, printed out details May through Sept; CDs expire and restart in June; getting about \$27/month; not many expenses over the summer. Questions?



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Motion: Helen Bushue moved to accept financial report.

Seconded: Al Garre

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Carries/passed

Deniece: Put together FY20-21 budget; very simple, based on expected revenue and applied proposed and normal expenses, contributions and actual expenditures; tried to keep it where we are using income but not going into negative. We did get this past year's tax returns finished (will need \$450 for next year's returns); next time around hoping we can have in person meeting before taxes are filed as we're supposed to do prior to filing; being off in summer and COVID made this difficult.

- Jay: Denice and I put the proposed FY20-21 budget into a format that more or less mirrors the proposed business plan format. Aligning the budget and expenditures this way will allow us to more consciously plan and track our budget and spending according to our strategies and goals.
- Larry: Expressed seeing the benefit of this format; asked if we could do both (have in both formats) while we test it out.
- Deniece: Stated that both formats would still be possible.

Motion: Al Garre moved to adopt the FY20-21 budget as proposed.

Seconded: Helen Bushue

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Carried/passed

Jay: Stated that we do not have a formal contract for Deniece as we do for him; best practice would be that we have one in case there was any question about what the relationship was. Posed it only for consideration of the Board.

- Larry: Expressed that he didn't feel the need for one.
- Deniece: Asked if Jay had a contract design in mind.
- Jay: Suggested the same format that he uses could be used for Deniece.
- Deniece: Makes no difference to her; would be happy to have one.
- Larry: Not at all concerned, but given we're a nonprofit might be better to have it.
- Helen: State she's ok if we want to do something; curious as to what would be in it.
- Deniece: Questioned what counties were doing

Action: Jay and Deniece to discuss Deniece's contract and bring up for new fiscal year when we'll explore it.



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13	8:40 (10 min)	ED's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft business plan• Contract renewal	Information Decision	Jay Udelhoven	a) Proposed goals b) Business plan c) Contract
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Jay: Reviewed evolution of business plan; referred Board to the attachments and the goal summary sheet. Biggest substantive part of the business plan are the new goal statements; briefly went through the 15 stated goals. Joe, Larry, and Deniece all reviewed different versions of the plan and provided input.

- Larry: Proposes since Joe wasn't present and others likely haven't looked at it closely; bring it back next month.
- Deniece: Have not been able to spend time on it; will have more time for next time to review for next time.
- Larry: Asked what purpose the plan served. Suggested that it made others more aware of what we're doing and to hold ourselves accountable. Would also help when working with partners.
- Helen: Asked if the plan will be on our web page. Thought the plan looked good.
- Larry: Stated that there were ambitious goals for all of us.

Action: Everyone to review draft business plan in more detail for next meeting.

Jay: Expressed that his contract expired in July and has been working month-to-month since then. Things are going well and would like to renew for a year with two changes: 1) Change contractor name to Udelhoven Natural Resources & Environmental Consulting, LLC and 2) Include an hourly rate \$100/hour for grant-funded work; non-grant funded work would remain at the same rate.

- Larry: Would be willing to write into contract and bring next meeting.

Action: Jay to revise ED contract and bring to next meeting for Board consideration.

14	8:50 (5 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers to date• Outreach• New Members	Information	Larry Bailey Jay Udelhoven	(TBD)
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Larry: Already mentioned 150 paid members out of 152.

- Jay: Did outreach to all unpaid members over the summer.
- Deniece: no new member applications for the Board to consider.

ADJOURNMENT

15	8:55 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Reaching out to OFB and Anne Marie about annual meeting; nothing else.

Deniece: Ag in the Classroom sent a thank you and calendar for the MCFB donation.

Angi: Saw list of OFB scholarship winners; recognized recipients of MCFB's scholarship contribution in Marie Garre's



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name.

- Al: Thanked MCFB for memorializing Marie in that fashion.

Larry: We're going on 6-9 months without a face-to-face meeting; we can continue or have in person meeting; we'll start evaluating requirements about when we can get back together.

16	9:00	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Adjourned 9:08

No.	Action Item	Responsible	Assigned	Due	Status
1	Contact Dave Dillon re: outreach to associate members	Jay	10/17/2019	When possible	Completed
2	Follow up with Larry et al. regarding OFB notification for next year's annual meeting.	Jay	1/15/2020	Within next few months	Completed
3	Reach out to Cole at Country Financial to invite to a Board meeting.	Larry	1/15/2020	When possible	On hold
4	Follow up with Kari regarding possible farm tour at Deniece's and/or other farms.	Jay/Larry	2/20/2020	Next month or so	On hold
5	Let Larry know if you know of a farmer in the Fairview area (Senate District 25) who could talk to a candidate	All Board Directors	9/24/2020	When possible	To do
6	Check with OFB on MCFB annual meeting requirements and options.	Larry	9/24/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
7	Check OFB annual meeting notification deadlines	Larry	9/24/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
8	Reach out to Misty to let CCFB know of joint MCFB-CCFB joint annual meeting cancellation.	Jay	9/24/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
9	Give all Board Directors brochures	Jay	9/24/2020	When possible	Ongoing
10	Reach out to Larry with an OFB Board resolution to propose	All Board Directors	9/24/2020	As soon as possible	To do
11	Reach back out to 2 unpaid members regarding membership renewal	Jay	9/24/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
12	Include water treatment facility topic as future agenda item to discuss	Jay	9/24/2020	Oct '20 Board meeting	Completed
13	Discuss Deniece's contract and bring up for new fiscal year when we'll explore it	Jay/Deniece	9/24/2020	By Oct '20 Board mtg	Completed
14	Review draft business plan in more detail for next meeting	All Board Directors	9/24/2020	By Oct '20 Board mtg	Completed
15	Revise ED contract and bring to next meeting for Board consideration	Jay	9/24/2020	Oct '20 Board mtg	Completed



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	Minutes Approved
Date:	10/15/2020
Time:	~8:05 PM
Location:	Call in
Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	John Bergan
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those for:	All
Those against:	None
Motion:	Carried/Passed