



Multnomah County Farm Bureau

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: April 22, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Zoom or Call-in Only

Meeting Called to Order			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	04/22/2020		
Time:	7:03 PM		
Location:	Zoom and Phone		
		Present	Absent
MCFB Board Directors:	Larry Bailey, President	x	
	Angi Bailey, Secretary	~7:14	
	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:	Jeremy Baker, EMSWCD	x	
Other:			

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

7:03 – Larry welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for joining us.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review/approve minutes	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 03/18/2021 Mins
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Larry: reviewed minutes prior to meeting; asked everyone to take a look and review. Asked for a motion.

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Deniece Tucker

Second: Helen Bushue

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

ASSISTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (10 min)	Farmworker COVID Drop-in Clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Request from local farmer	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Local member called and asked why MCFB isn't partnering with OAN to help farm workers get vaccinated; doesn't sound simple. Wanted to let everyone know.



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- Helen: Sounds like it's outside of our scope of work.
- Al: People can do it sign up via the phone; don't need the Internet.
- Joe: Farmer doesn't own Internet?
- Larry: Probably other options; EMSWCD?
- Jay: Could explore and disseminate options for vaccination?
- Larry: Don't spend huge amounts of time on it.

➤ **Action:** Jay to spend small amount of time exploring farm worker vaccine options.

4	7:20 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	Jeremy Baker	N/A
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Jeremy: Nothing from Land Legacy; good success with office hours 1x1 tech assistance; 2 site visits today in Corbett area; CSA start up; new farm/new to area; don't get a lot of requests for tech assistance from the East Gresham/Headwaters farm area.

- Jay: Question for Joe regarding a possible Headwaters tour?
- Joe: Would like to arrange a Headwaters farm visit. Jim Carlson wants to do tour; Rowan the farm manager wants to do it; told would bring a couple of farmers. Will let folks know when tour is scheduled (in about a month).

➤ **Action:** Joe to let MCFB Board Members know when Headwaters Farm tour is scheduled.

REPRESENTING FARMERS					
5	7:25 (10 min)	Policy Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFB Monthly Member Briefings the fourth Friday of the month at 7 a.m. (April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23)	Information	Angi Bailey	N/A

Angi: Halfway through legislative session. Weekly update talks about the big items; ag overtime; energy bill; if you don't receive the updates let her know; Chlorpyrifos funding bill for alternatives since they're phasing out. OFB meeting May 11 and 12. Barb Iverson previously fell ill; she's home and doing very well now; optimistic she'll make a full recovery; advised to cut back on workload; so last week she stepped down as OFB president; succession plan is in place as per bylaws; all officers move up one spot; Brian and Shane moved up; 3rd VP will be filled by the board on May 11/12. Open to all voting members. Can contact Angi or Dave Dillon. One nomination from Marion County. Angi's role on MCFB Board not clear right now. Stepping aside from being secretary seems likely; Jay does most of the "Secretary" work; given OFB workload should step down.

- Jay: Formally stepping down?
- Angi: Defer to bylaws; as long as bylaws don't preclude her from serving.
- Jay: Ask Al!
- Al: Don't know that the bylaws address that; will look into it; would be more concerned about OFB bylaws and perception regarding other counties.
- Larry: Perception issue is there; doesn't have to happen tonight; would be great if someone would step into the secretary position; really a figure head with the ED work; if everyone okay we'll revisit at next meeting and let Angi decide.
- Al: Can research and email us.
- Larry: Yes please.



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- **Action:** Al to research bylaws regarding OFB President serving as an MCFB Board officer.

6	7:35 (10 min)	Project Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy AgWQ Management Area Meeting• Bull Run Project• DSL projects	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Sandy AgWQ Agenda b) Bull Run Good Neighbor Agreement
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Jay: Sandy Subbasin Ag Water Quality Management Area Biennial Review/Local Advisory Committee Meeting: Meeting agenda is in the packet; held on March 31; only 1 (from Multnomah County) of 7 LAC members were present; I attended, along with reps from EMSWCD, CSWCD, ODA, and ODEQ; the LAC meets 1x/2 years; this time was only to review progress in achieving the stated water quality goals, primarily through voluntary efforts; ODA, ODEQ, EMSWCD, and CSWCD all gave brief presentations; ODEQ has a ~new online status and trends interactive map where you can see, according to DEQ data/monitoring sites, how certain areas within the Sandy Basin are doing; according the EMSWCD data, monitoring sites on Beaver Creek achieved the plans milestone goals; ODA is seeking more LAC members in the more southerly part of the basin, including Clackamas County; they are also seeking rep farmers of berries, xmas trees, livestock, and hemp.

- Larry: See if we can suggest new members; can think of people who meet criteria; can reach out to them.

- **Action:** Larry to reach out to new potential LAC members.

Jay: Bull Run Filtration Project: Good Neighbor Agreement Sections are in packet; asking for input via online survey (will discuss at May 13); Advisory committee meetings as follows:

May 13, 2021	Draft Good Neighbor Agreement
June 10, 2021	Facility and Site Design Update & Final Good Neighbor Agreement
July 8, 2021	TBD
Aug. 12, 2021	TBD
September 2021	Facility and Pipeline Design Update

- Larry: Angi and he drove down area; lots of signs all over the place.

Jay: DSL: Only 1 permit review since last meeting, nothing of interest; slowing down.

CONNECTING FARMERS					
7	7:45 (5 min)	AFBF Annual Meeting 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atlanta, Georgia January 7-12, 2022• Omni Atlanta Hotel (\$239/night)• Notify Tiffany/OFB	Information	Larry Bailey Jay Udelhoven	N/A

Larry: We had plans for several of us to go to the AFBF Annual Convention this last time; curious if anyone wants to go; OFB wants tentative names.

- Angi: OFB in HQ hotel
- Joe: tentative
- Larry and Angi: tentative
- Al: tentative
- Helen: no



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- Larry: 4 tentatively

➤ **Action:** Larry to let OFB know of tentative AFBF Convention attendees.

8	7:50 (5 min)	Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers to date• OFB training	Information	Larry Bailey Angi Bailey Jay Udelhoven	a) Membership Report
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Larry: Compared to last year at this time, membership is up; up 8% over last month; up slightly from last week.

- Jay: Member applications are going to Deniece; one new supporting member as of a couple of days ago (John Parker of Portland).
- Deniece: Sent membership applications electronically to Jay; no new ones received this month.

Jay: OFB member recruitment training: four main takeaways:

1. New member outreach and orientation
 2. Board engagement and logo'd apparel
 3. Getting the word out about what we do and why we do it
 4. Invite potential members to meetings/events
- Angi: Agree; speaker for training works for Montana state farm bureau; thinking about how we became members because neighbors kept talking it up; telling a story about what farm bureau does for farmers and ranchers.
 - Joe: Daughter Gabrielle became a member because she was asked 4-5x; asked Jay what we do: we help local farmers be successful.
 - Angi: First time someone asks usually not much response; second time resonates more; third time inspires action; great reminder that it's not "one and done."
 - Larry: Hopefully we can do more of that as face to face becomes possible.

9	7:55 (5 min)	Outreach & Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social media/web• Branded gear/logos	Information/ Discussion	Jay Udelhoven Angi Bailey Deniece Tucker	N/A
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Jay: In terms of social media, trying to post about every other day; updates about farm news, MCFB activities/members, local farms and issues; 327 Instagram followers/246 FB page followers/39 LinkedIn followers.

Angi: No progress to report on the logo options.; working on it; general thought, heard from OFB staff that OFB is working on site where they can order OFB gear; working on concept for each county to be part of that site; if we're interested we could piggy-back on what they're doing.

- Jay: Sounds good.
- Angi: Will get me in touch with Jacon; we send them a MCFB logo.
- Larry: Like idea of purchasing some swag for board members to wear or to give out to new members; logo first, then letting others order, then we order some as well.
- Jay: Joe ordered some caps for himself and to give away with current logo.
- Joe: Wanted new hat; wanted Jay to have some to give out to potential members; wanted to plug our logo; would consider keeping this one; really like this one.
- Jay: Joe was not at meeting when we talked about possibility of creating a new logo.
- Larry: Propose we'll continue on the path we're on for now.
- Jay: Let me know if a potential member would benefit from a new cap.
- Jeremy: Question about logo; looking to update/upgrade?
- Larry: Looking at options.
- Jeremy: Chemeketa Community College might have a marketing/design department to have it be a student project?



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- Larry: Thanks; free is good. We have plan; let's proceed and see what happens.

ASKING FARMERS

10	8:00 (5 min)	Questions Posed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water rights	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Crossover between jobs, real estate clients are trying to find small farms to buy that have water rights; very difficult to do; \$800K+ is still out of reach.

- Larry: Property going up next to him.
- Jay: Scarcity and cost for new small farmers makes it difficult.
- Larry: Oregon controls water rights very strictly; may still have permit to drill well on adjacent property.
- Joe: Have someone who can talk through water rights; give a call.

➤ **Action:** Jay to reach out to Joe regarding water rights.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

11	8:05 (5 min)	Progress Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Growers TrainingSupport Appreciation: ORFFA Plaque	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Plaque
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Jay: ODA is hosting online Growers Training; we distributed this information via social media; 2-day "remote" training; April 27 in English; May 26 in Spanish.

Jay: We received a plaque from ORFFA for our donation; could be a traveling plaque; the way it's designed, good idea to encourage future year donations.

- Deniece: Let her know if someone wants it!

ADMINISTRATION

11	8:10 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Covered everything in other parts of agenda; Angi moving on to OFB president; will revisit next month; 3rd vp nominations. Questions?

12	8:20 (10 min)	Finance & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial statementsGrants	Information Decision	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial Reports b) Grant Summary
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Deniece: Financial reports in packet; balance sheet, P&L; budget sheet; 7 approved donations; reviewed financial reports. Already made all budgeted donations but there is funding from other line items such as "leadership" and being under budget elsewhere. Regarding tax returns, have to get on our contractor's list; she was just about done; have to follow up with her. Issue with penalty from last year is ongoing; IRS moving at a snail's pace; Deniece had written a letter a while ago; IRS did send a letter recognizing that they received the letter; no reason they shouldn't remove the penalty.

- Larry: Sounds reasonable. Anything else for Deniece?



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- Deniece: Question for Helen, did ag in classroom usually comes out of women's budget; anything going on with that? We sent the money to SAI. Historically we paid that in January.
- Helen: There used to be a payment out of general contribution.
- Deniece: Wanted to make sure we didn't drop the ball.
- Helen: One payment is probably okay.

Motion to accept financials: Al Garre

Second: Helen Bushue

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

Larry: Looked at donations in the packet; paid versus not paid.

- Jay: Blue paid; black not paid.
- Larry: We have money we should find worthy causes and spend it.
- Helen: Want to consider WLRC?
- Larry: \$1,000 already this year.
- Helen: Nothing to OFB for ag fest; gave it to ag fest directly.
- Larry: Not hearing any suggestions.
- Helen: Golf tournament going to happen this year?
- Angi: Yes, September she thinks; planned for last year, wildfires prevented it; no date yet.

13	8:30 (5 min)	ED's Report	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: I let you know last time that I'll be moving to the coast; that remains to be the case. It will likely take several months to make the transition. I still expect to be able to serve MCFB in my current capacity. I think we are budgeting \$30K/year (\$2,500/mo); currently my expenditures have been \$1,000 - \$1,500/month. I have lots of things I'd like to do but limited time to do them; I will continue to make progress.

ADJOURNMENT

14	8:35 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Nothing; 2nd to last meeting of year; meet next month and then off for the summer.

- Joe: Metro is giving away free compost; first class materials; can call; last days through Sunday; near airport on NE 33rd
- Joe: Would like to ask; mission statement for us "help local farmers be successful" and EMSWCD "help people care for land and water"; maybe Jay, Jeremy and Joe could meet to talk about working together esp. with irrigation; could help EMSWCD find good project; maybe have coffee; will set a time and send out.
- Jeremy: Timeframe; next week or in a few weeks?
- Joe: Any time; Joe will work with Jay and Jeremy to find day/time.
- Larry: Jay to remind him of face-to-face option for next meeting.

➤ Action: Joe to work with Jeremy and Jay to set up day/time to meet regarding EMSWCD-MCFB work.

➤ Action: Jay to remind Larry of face-to-face option for next meeting.



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15	8:40	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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8:27 adjourned

MCFB Committee	Committee Members
Ag Education	Helen Bushue
Ag Labor	Vacant
Awards & Recognition	Angi Bailey
Health & Safety	Deniece Tucker
Local Government Affairs	Al Garre
Membership	Larry Bailey
Women's Committee	Vacant
Young Farmers and Ranchers	Vacant

Meetings	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Board	10/15	--	--	1/21	Cancelled	3/18	4/22	5/20	Off	Off	Off	9/16
Annual		11/19										
Celebration			Cancelled									

No.	Action Item	Responsible	Assigned	Due	Status
1	Reach out to Cole at Country Financial to invite to a Board meeting.	Larry	1/15/2020	When possible	On hold
2	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
3	Work together on a proposal: 1. Logo or gear; 2. Purchase for members; 3. Custom for members.	Angi, Jay and Deniece	1/21/2021	2/18/2021	Ongoing
4	Reach out to designer friend; inquire whether s/he can develop 3-4 logo options based on feedback from board	Angi	3/18/2021	4/15/2021	Ongoing
5	Spend small amount of time exploring farm worker vaccine options	Jay	4/22/2021	When possible	Completed
6	Let MCFB Board Members know when Headwaters Farm tour is scheduled	Joe	4/22/2021	When scheduled	To be completed
7	Research bylaws regarding OFB President serving as an MCFB Board officer.	Al	4/22/2021	When possible	Completed
8	Reach out to new potential LAC members	Larry	4/22/2021	When possible	To be completed
9	Let OFB know of tentative AFBF Convention attendees	Larry	4/22/2021	As soon as possible	Completed
10	Reach out to Joe regarding water rights	Jay	4/22/2021	When possible	To be completed



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11	Work with Jeremy and Jay to set up day/time to meet regarding EMSWCD-MCFB work.	Joe	4/22/2021	When possible	Completed
12	Remind Larry of face-to-face option for next meeting	Jay	4/22/2021	Prior to May meeting	Completed

	Minutes Approved
Date:	05/20/2021
Time:	7:05 PM
Location:	Rossi Farms/Zoom/Conference Call
Motion By:	Joe Rossi
Second By:	Al Garre
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those for:	All
Those against:	None
Motion:	Carried/Passed