



Multnomah County Farm Bureau BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: March 19, 2020, 7-9 pm

Location: Call-in Only

	Meeting Called to Order		
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	03/19/2020		
Time:	7:06 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:			x
Other:			x

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

[Meeting began at approximately 7:06 PM.]

Larry let the board know that OFB distributed information on how virus was impacting ops; a memo is available from Dave Dillon.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review/approve minutes	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 2/20/2020 Mins
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Larry asked board to review the attached minutes.

Motion to approve minutes: Deniece

Seconded: John

Discussion: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed



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REPRESENTING FARMERS					
3	7:10 (10 min)	Region 7 Policy Report	Information	Pete Postlewaite Angi Bailey	N/A

[Pete not present.]

Angi: OFB officers and board did weekly calls during session; bi-weekly calls now that session is over. Republican reps walked out in protest over cap and trade bill; left hanging were bills regarding Chlorpyrifos and timber. Was supposed to be a short session, but emergency session was called by governor, which is now about virus. There's a joint commission on virus; hearing yesterday and another tomorrow; link is available. Earlier this week, Jenny Dresler put together memo on actions related to virus at state and federal level; Jay shared with the board earlier via email.

ASKING FARMERS					
		No Activity to Report			

ASSISTING FARMERS					
4	7:20 (5 min)	Activity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ag Labor Housing• Trespass Signs• Coyote Forum	Discussion & Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Support Letter

Jay: After the last board meeting we were asked to provide a letter of support for a development that is planned to provide ag labor housing. They needed the letter sooner rather than later, so we wrote it as general as possible and sent after the board had an opportunity to weigh in. Trespass signs were ordered for Pete, Deniece, and Larry; Deniece and Larry confirmed receiving them. Inquiries were made regarding a coyote forum but folks are now busy with the virus so this will be put on hold.

5	7:25 (10 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	EMSWCD rep	N/A
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[EMSWCD rep not present.]

Jay: EMSWCD has let their membership lapse; not sure if this was intentional or not, but question whether we keep them on the agenda except on an as needed/requested basis if it was.

Larry: Asked for Jay to follow up with EMSWCD; like having them on the agenda; they are value added; if purposeful, we'll discuss again.

Action: Jay to follow up with EMSWCD.



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CONNECTING FARMERS

6	7:35 (5 min)	2020 Annual Meeting Planning	Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: CCFB reached out to us wanting to know the date of this year's annual meeting; we have an opportunity to have Lars Larson attend, but we need to know the date as soon as possible; CCFB also inquired whether we should consider changing up the venue.

Larry: Suggested Friday, November 13; no one objected. Matt from MCFB talked to Larry about possibly holding the annual meeting next year (2021) farther south; we can do what we want (in 2020); the following year they may want to do it somewhere else.

Joe: Rossi farms may be available; can host up to 150 people; can donate site and save money.

Helen: It's great to change venues; likes Rossi farms.

Action: Joe to email Jay and Larry regarding availability of Rossi Farm.

Action: Jay to let CCFB know of date.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

7	7:40 (20 min)	Sponsorships	Decision	Deniece Tucker Helen Bushue	a) Cont. Proposal b) MS request/pub
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Deniece: Would like to approve all or as many as possible tonight; gives us the go ahead to do them as they come up.

Helen: OAF has been cancelled this year; every year we have money left over; would like the extra to go to the legal fund; maybe trap shoot – that money goes to voters.

Larry: Jay mentioned Market Scout request; assume it will still happen; Ag fest funds could go there.

Al: Mixed feelings about it looking at vendor list; only one OFB member; maybe another; \$6,000 or \$4,000 seems like a lot of money if there are no connections.

Larry: Was thinking more in the hundreds or at most \$1,000; could defer that one because we're not sure if they're hosting it.

Al: If \$1,000, suggested it should go to the Western Resources Law Center.

Helen; maybe a small amount just to have name out there

Larry: Ask Jay to follow up; we'll defer this one.



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[Motion to approve all allocations listed in attached memo except for #s 1, 2, and 6: Deniece](#)

[Seconded: Helen](#)

[Abstained: Angi](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Against: None](#)

[Motion: Passed](#)

Action: Jay to follow up on Market Scout request.

8	8:00 (5 min)	MCFB & CCFB WPS/Pesticide Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handlers/Workers potential?	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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[Skipped.]

9	8:05 (5 min)	Solar/Building Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore potential opportunity for April	Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Larry was asked by an OFB benefit provider (of farm buildings and solar panels) for time on the board agenda; this might be an opportunity to have the benefit provider do a presentation and have a farmer with solar panel experience give a firsthand account of his/her experiences; could do this before the next meeting and potentially get some new folks to attend; now with the virus may not be viable and farmer I know with solar panels is no longer available.

Larry: Could be useful to members who are interested; at our next face-to-face meeting, we could have them come in ½ before to present to people who wanted to hear them.

Al: Concern about not having a critical mass of people; have to be warn presenters they may be talking to an empty room.

Angi: Attended several county farm bureau meetings last year; saw several of their presentations; they are well done but it's a sales pitch.

Action: Jay to reach out to company regarding presentation and tentative nature of next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

10	8:10 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: We postponed the farm tour for Anna Williams; thanks to Deniece for leg work for setting up venues; we are at 63.82% of or membership goal; we have \$5,000 line item for OFB scholarships; we sent \$5,000 out last year; received a call asking if we're supporting that again this year.



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Deniece: \$5,000 is currently in budget; none has been used; we proposed \$1,000 in Marie Garre's name.

Discussion about administrative overhead for OFB scholarship management: Angi did not think there was administrative overhead at this time for the program.

Discussion about historical allocations between Deniece, Helen, and Larry:

- 2010: \$2,500
- 2015: \$3,000
- 2016: \$3,000?
- 2017: \$0.00?
- 2018: \$0.00?
- 2019: \$5,000

Helen: The scholarships used to be only for ag courses; now limited to OFB member children, but not necessarily ag related.

Angi: Doesn't need to be ag degree; if they are farmer kids that go on to other fields will be advocates in different venues.

Motion to approve \$3,000 total, \$1,500 of which will be in Marie Garre's name: Angi

Seconded: Helen

Abstained: None

Discussion: Deniece asked if \$3,000 would be for two scholarships of \$1,500 each; Helen responded that they now pool the funds.

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed

Larry: Posed the question whether there is a public outreach opportunity for MCFB during virus crisis with urbanites realizing where food comes from; Jay might be interested in based on past experiences; wondering about board's thoughts.

Deniece: good idea; post of FB and website.

Angi: a lot of people talking about purchasing local and purchasing from farmers.

Action: Larry and Jay to discuss public outreach opportunity more; Jay to implement.

Larry: Senator Chuck Thompson going through a recall.

Angi: Sen District 26 – target of a recall; very well-funded and organized; Our Oregon is proponent. Angi part of group to support Thompson; because of Republican walk out; ~based on how close his election was; recall filed on March 2; need to turn in 10,000 sigs on June 2; paid sig gatherers; intend to turn in sigs early; ways to support Chuck if you're in his district; he's a moderate Republican who tends to cooperate at the capital; going to pull together resources; will follow up with email to board with a link to donate; purchased field signs; will be doing paid social media posting; looking for folks to write letters to the editor; not sure how this is morphing with virus crisis; MCFB needs to be aware that they will likely be successful; will likely be a yes or no vote within 35 days of them turning in signatures; if voted out he will be replaced by an appointed Republican but will have to run for election in November and Democrat will run against him; campaign will be fast and furious; opportunity for MCFB to engage; talked to Dave Dillon about MCFB opportunity – can't donate funds; we can connect with members through educational communication to voting and associate (??) members to think before they sign petition and vote on issue; will forward



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information individually.

Larry: If we can do it quickly enough, could get Mark Johnson to draft a letter and we can sign onto; Larry would like to propose that we have letter drafted and distribute to board for input and approval; try to stay a-political; say this is what Chuck is what he's done for us.

Deniece: sounds reasonable.

Helen: Letter in local paper might be good.

Larry: individuals could sign on to it; need to move quickly

Angi: agreed to be ag lead; questions/donations/letters – contact Angi.

Action: Larry will explore what MCFB can sign onto regarding the recall.

Action: Angi will forward information regarding the recall individually to members.

11	8:20 (10 min)	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment Opportunity• Financial statements	Information	Deniece Tucker	a) OFB memo b) Financial reports
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[Deniece called attention to attached financial reports and review them.]

Deniece: Received a letter from Dave Dillon indicating investments are an option for county funds; investment management team that works with OFB and other counties; min \$50K investments to manage; it would be a big decision for our board; we'd have to come up with objectives in terms of risk; good timing right now because market is very low; good opportunity to make a fair bit of money if we moved soon; money could accrue long term but no guarantees in the short term.

Larry: OFB received a request from some counties to have their reserve funds managed by same company that OFB uses; what we have been doing has worked fine, but there's an op to make (and lose) more money; those with interest take a look at memo and think about it; we can discuss at next meeting.

Motion to accept the financial reports: Helen

Seconded: John

Abstained: None

Discussion: Deniece said the financials would look more similar to last year if they had been printed at end of February; lower on the 11th because monthly checks come in between the 18th and 20th; so another income to be posted; could have net income around \$5,700.

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed

Deniece: To remove Helen as check signer we have a new application from Farm Bureau Bank to complete.

L: Proposed that Deniece, Larry, and Angi be check signers.



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Deniece: Talked to Dan Carney; sent bill for insurance for \$126; it is through Old Republic Surety group; got that to pay Annual report due for SOS to pay; have not heard from Dave Dillon regarding Harney County \$450.

Action: Larry to email Dave Dillon regarding Harney County \$450.

Deniece: Emailed Debbie about tax return; still underway.

Deniece: Asked if anyone opposed combining the activities and member enhancement the chart of accounts.

[No opposition was expressed.}\]

12	8:30 (10 min)	ED's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft website: https://phpmcfb.000webhostapp.com/	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Been working on the MCFB website and a new member postcard; the draft website can be accessed via the link above – please forward input; can send postcards if anyone is interested in seeing them.

Action: Board members to review and comment on draft website if interested.

13	8:40 (5 min)	New Members	<i>Decision</i>	Larry Bailey	(TBD)
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[No new members.]

ADJOURNMENT

14	8:45 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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[No announcements or reminders.]

15	8:50	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Meeting adjourned [@ 8:24 PM].



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No.	Action Item	Responsible	Assigned	Due	Status
1	Put approved budget numbers in strategy-based budget format	Jay (w/Deniece & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	To do
2	Work to improve brochure substance	Jay (w/Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	To do
3	Work to improve business plan substance	Jay (w/Deniece, Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	To do
4	Contact Dave Dillon re: outreach to associate members	Jay	10/17/2019	When possible	To do
5	Follow up with Larry et al. regarding date, location, and OFB notification for next year's annual meeting.	Jay	1/15/2020	Within next few months	In process
6	Reach out to Cole to invite to a Board meeting.	Larry	1/15/2020	When possible	To do
7	Follow up with Kari regarding possible farm tour at Deniece's and/or other farms.	Jay/Larry	2/20/2020	Next month or so	To do
8	Spend minimal time investigating coyote presentation/forum options.	Jay	2/20/2020	As time allows	Completed
9	Work together prior to March Board meeting to identify all donation/grant requests for this year and present proposal to the Board.	Deniece/Helen	2/20/2020	Prior to March meeting	Completed
10	Remove Helen as a check signer.	Deniece	2/20/2020	As soon as possible	In process
11	Follow up with EMSWCD regarding membership status.	Jay	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	3/23/2020
12	Email Larry and Jay availability of Rossi Farm for MCFB/CCFB Annual Meeting on 11/13/2020.	Joe	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	To do
13	Inform CCFB of Annual Meeting date.	Jay	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	3/23/2020
14	Follow up with Market Scout program.	Jay	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	3/23/2020
15	Reach out to farm building/solar panel supplier regarding potential presentation.	Jay	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	3/23/2020
16	Discuss MCFB outreach during virus crisis.	Larry/Jay	3/19/2020	As time allows	Completed
17	Explore MCFB sign-on potential for Chuck Thompson recall.	Larry	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
18	Forward information to individual board members regarding Thompson recall.	Angi	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	Completed
19	Email Dave Dillon regarding Harney County \$450.	Larry	3/19/2020	As soon as possible	To do
20	Review draft website and send comments to Jay	Board members	3/19/2020	As time allows	In process



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	Minutes Approved
Date:	4/16/2020
Time:	7:05 PM
Location:	Remote/call-in meeting
Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	John Bergan
Discussion:	None
Those for:	All
Those against:	None
Motion:	Passed