



Multnomah County Farm Bureau BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: January 21, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

	Meeting Called to Order		
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	01/21/2020		
Time:	7:02 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:	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

Larry: Welcomed everyone at 7:02.

- Jay: Suggested we add Angi under Item #3.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Review/approve minutes</i>	Decisions	Larry Bailey	a) 10/15/2020 Mins b) 11/19/2020 Mins
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Larry: Stated that he had previously looked through minutes; thought they looked good. Allowed everyone time to review them and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve the minutes: Deniece Tucker

Seconded: Helen Bushue

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Unanimous

Motion: Carried/passed

REPRESENTING FARMERS



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3	7:10 (20 min)	Debrief: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFB Annual Convention• OFB/ODA/OSHA Town Hall• AFBF Annual Convention	Information	Larry Bailey	a) KLCFB Letter b) RET Background c) RET Resolutions
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Larry: In terms of OFB Convention, Angi ran the House of Delegates in good fashion; her efforts were appreciated. Asked if Joe or Al, who also participated, had any thoughts.

- Joe: Well run convention.
- Al: Angi got the job done just under the wire.
- Larry: In the packet, item 3a is a letter from Jason Flowers at Klamath-Lake CFB expressing frustration with the RET. The OFB Racial Equity Task Force was asked to look at the OFB policy book for language that could be restated to avoid offensiveness; frustration was expressed by people because they didn't necessarily disagree with current language but disagreed with the process; it was a contentious issue throughout House of Delegates. However, everyone information regarding the task force and their recommendations in advance; people complained process was not grass roots because it came from a committee and not a county.
- Al: Problem people had was with process not product; without advanced notice for a lot of people.
- Larry: A few people were upset. There were some good reasons that OFB wanted to look at and make changes. Larry agreed with some, not all. John Moxley from Klamath-Lake CFB was upset and resigned, so Jason Flowers is now President. Jason talked to Larry before he sent us the letter. Jason wants counties to sign onto letter; Larry is a little uncomfortable with it. The RET process was not done at county level but did include county involvement. All people had to do was motion they move on and not debate it; they complained about process and what was proposed. At the end, it was grass roots because the House of Delegates moved forward with some but not all of the RET recommendations.
- Angi: Was part of task force based on role at OFB and running House of Delegates. Expressed support for the process. Maybe this wasn't the best year to tackle this issue given COVID, etc., or maybe committee should have been broader. Felt like process to create resolutions actually followed appropriate resolution process. Resolution and policy development normally comes through a formal process. Information was provided ahead of time; came out in November; background information was repeatedly sent out. Regardless of how one feels about racial equity, it followed the resolution process. There was no ill intent. Letter implies it was done covertly. Which was not the case. 6 of 8 resolutions passed through House of Delegates.
- Larry: Timing might not have been the best because they couldn't meet in person. Real push at state level for racial equity. It's a focus at the state legislature. State legislators sometimes say they cannot associate with us because of language in the policy book. Task force tried to make it a positive thing. Happy to discuss one-on-one or more here. Wanted to hear whether MCFB Board wanted to sign onto letter.
- Deniece: Wasn't at the meeting. Guess people were feeling offended that they have to go through this. Really doesn't have anything to do with racial equity. Can go with the group; whatever they want.
- Deniece: New wording proposed to be more politically correct because people are sensitive. The better it can be written, the better it will be. But this work can offend people.

Motion to not take position on the letter: Al Garre

Seconded: Joe Rossi

Discussion:

- Angi: Would have made a motion, but didn't want to appear self-serving.
- Deniece: Asked what Jason asked for in letter; didn't understand what he wants.
- Larry: Letter expressed frustration as opposed to proposing some action.
- Deniece: Did all the motions pass?



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- Larry: Jason did not requested that work be revisited; maybe pointing to more grassroots process. 6 Of 8 recommendations passed. They debated one for 2.5 hours related to “traditional American family”. Frustration largely came from addressing something that is not really an issue. But if it makes people not work with us, then it makes it hard for us to get things done.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Unanimously

Motion: Carried/passed

Jay: On 1/8/2021 OFB, ODA, and OSHA had virtual town hall meeting with about 8 farmers represented as panelists and an unknown number of participant/listeners. Each farm representative posed a question to one of the agencies and a discussion ensued. Questions were primarily related to interactions with OSHA around the OCIVD requirements. No follow-up from the meeting was obvious.

- Larry: More opportunity to interact with OSHA the better.

Angi: The AFBF Convention this year was all virtual but had a very similar schedule to a normal convention; general sessions you can go back and watch if you want. A highlight was the interview of Mike Rowe. Generally, the convention went well given constraints. John Iverson from Oregon was elected the Young Farmers and Ranchers Chair. The House of Delegates was virtual; 5.5 hour zoom meeting; long slog and it wasn't perfect but it was completed successfully.

- Jay: Attendance?
- Angi: Not sure but could find out. Numbers were down compared to other years. Hard to know. Neat part it was free and open to everyone.
- Angi: Fusion conference (YFR and Women's) was supposed to be in Portland in March; not going to happen now. Thinks it will be virtual. Submitted proposal. Oregon has an opportunity to host AFBF convention in future.

4	7:30 (5 min)	FSA National and Local Urban Ag Advisory Committees	Information	Larry Bailey Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Larry: Maryann sent an email out a while back; the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking members for a new advisory committee on urban agriculture, part of a broader effort to focus on the needs of urban farmers. The 12-person committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture. For more information, see the [USDA Press Release](#). Because MCFB is very urban, we may have interest or know of someone who would be interested.

- Jay: Josh Hanning, the FSA Interim Oregon State Director, contacted me about a Local Urban Ag Advisory Committee a few months ago. Information was subsequently delivered to our members and stakeholders. The first committee meeting was on 1/21; likely meet quarterly. Urban farm committee members include:
 - Jennie London, Farm Program Coordinator, Oregon Food Bank; Tanager Farm (Corbett?)
 - Miles McCoy, 19th Street Farms, West Linn
 - Josh Volk, Garden Consultant (?), Slow Hand Farm

- **Action:** MCFB Board Directors to let Larry know of anyone who may be interested in the national urban ag committee.



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5	7:35 (5 min)	Project Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Portland Water Bureau ProjectDSL Permits	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Back in September or October 2020 I was asked to look into the Bull Run Treatment Facility and then put it on a future board agenda. I have looked into it a bit; there is a lot of information online but surprisingly you cannot find out who is on the Site Advisory Group. I have submitted a public disclosure request to get this information and also signed up for the newsletter. The advisory group had a meeting on January 14 and will have another one on February 11. I can continue to look into this and track it more if the board desires me to do so. They are supposedly developing a "Good Neighbor Agreement"; it might be good if we knew what was in it and provided input.

- Larry: Keeping an eye on this is good; we get questions and sometimes are asked to take a position on it.

Jay: Continues to receive and review quickly DSL permits; 10 were reviewed since the last board meeting. All were on the Willamette or Columbia Rivers. None with expected direct impacts to local farming.

ASSISTING FARMERS					
6	7:40 (5 min)	Progress Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fill Your Pantry ReportAmerican Farmland Trust Brighter Future Microgrant Program	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A

Jay: We provided \$500 for Fill Your Pantry (organized by Slow Food Portland and Friends of Family Farmers) at the end of 2020. The event appeared to go well. I visited the booth the first day at the Hollywood Market; provided them MCFB brochures to distribute and took a few photos for social media. Produce pick-up took place December 5th-13th, 2020, in collaboration with four winter farmers markets; 24 local farmers and ranchers participated; farmers sold a combined \$65,000 in products to over 390 customers.

- Larry: Who were the farmers?

➤ **Action:** Jay to ask Slow Food for a list of farmers that participated in Fill Your Pantry.

Jay: In November or December 2020, I received and subsequently distributed to our members and stakeholder information about an American Farmland Trust microgrant opportunity which was funded by a gift from the Tillamook County Creamery; it was unclear if any of our farmers took advantage of the opportunity.

- Larry: Did they reach out specifically to MCFB?
- Jay: Uncertain.

7	7:45 (10 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	Jeremy Baker	a) Farm Transition Workshop Flyer
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Jeremy: EMSWCD has a farm transition workshop coming up; last day to register is tomorrow; we might be able to register a little later if necessary; virtual workshop over 4 days; all Fridays; 3 hours each.

- Jay: Flyer is in packet. Asked Joe if he wanted to say a few words about his first EMSWCD Board Director meeting?
- Joe: Excited to see how things work; appreciate Jeremy being at MCFB meetings; EMSWCD does a lot of worthy work; just learning what group is doing now.



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ASKING FARMERS

8	7:55 (5 min)	Agritourism Question	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: We only had one question posed to us since the last board meeting and it was regarding agritourism. Unclear is OFB or MCFB has a formal position on agritourism. Question related to how to go about starting a new operation from scratch. Bottom line is it's not each with county zoning and neighbors. We ultimately answered the question directly and also posted it on social media.

- Larry: doesn't know if there are formal position; contentious issue because some people rely on it while others don't want people around.

CONNECTING FARMERS

9	8:00 (5 min)	Member & Stakeholder Outreach	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Continued to do outreach to members, stakeholders, and the public. Outreach consisted of brochure distribution (to Board Directors and local rural establishments); new member postcard mail outs; email updates; newsletter/mailed (annual report); and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn). Can use all the photos I can get.

- Deniece: Did Kurt Kerslake ever reach out; he is looking for a farm manager for boardman property?
- Jay: Not yet; happy to help him.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

10	8:05 (5 min)	Progress Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFB WPS Training• Farming Presenters Sought	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Unless someone makes a specific request, not planning on any trainings in the near future due to COVID and the fact that many others are offering remote training. OFB/ODA/OSHA offered online WPS training in December. Send notices out to MCFB members but not clear if any participated. Also, Tualatin SWCD is offering an online pasture health and best grazing practices workshop on 2/22, 23, 24. Lastly, Black Futures Farm is looking for trainers (growers, makers, producers, chefs/cooks, etc) for 1-3 webinar sessions.

- Jeremy: What kind of trainers? EMSWCD will be looking at its spring and summer training schedule and will let MCFB know once it's developed.

ADMINISTRATION

11	8:10 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: We're just over 50% of our membership goal; 80 out of 159.

- Jay: We have 4 new members since October.
- Larry: Outreach and connecting might be value added to do smaller tours with legislators and others; planning something a year ago but was cancelled due to COVID; but we could probably do something in the near future.

12	8:20 (15 min)	Finance & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial statements• Grants	Information Decisions	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial reports b) Grant Summary c) FFA d) OFB CFRP e) OFB Scholarship f) Ag in Classroom g) SAI
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Deniece: Balance sheets are in packet; cash keeps growing, \$290K now; not much activity since 10/1 in terms of payments; mostly contractors; paid FFA dues, WRLC, and Slow food Portland.

- Larry: \$13K surplus from last year; budget for this year big line items not going to spend such as, for example \$7,500 for leadership; many orgs are hurting as a result of COVID; good surplus from last year and likely this year.
- Deniece: Questions about financial statements?

Motion to accept financial statements: John Bergan

Seconded: Angi Bailey

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Unanimous

Motion: Carried/passed

Larry: Turned to Item 12b to discuss, ensuring everyone understood its contents.

- Jay: Confirmed Larry's interpretation.
- Larry: Many people reached out regarding FFA; because businesses aren't giving as usual.
- Deniece: Feels strongly about supporting FFA; better choice for us.
- Angi: Agrees with Deniece; spoke with FFA leaders; also on career education (FFA committee); on nursery and landscape committee; kids come in from all over the country; convinced FFA is one of few organizations that is building leaders. What they're learning in FFA will stick with them forever. Didn't have opportunity herself to do FFA but wished she would have.
- Larry: Some of more effective leaders in OFB were involved in FFA.

Motion to provide state FFA \$5,000: Deniece Tucker

Seconded: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: Joe Rossi

For: Larry Bailey, Angi Baily, Deniece Tucker, John Bergan, Al Garre, Helen Bushue

Motion: Carried/passed



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- Larry: Deniece or Helen in terms of timing for the other causes?
- Helen: Some we do early may not happen due to COVID. May want to wait.
- Larry: Everything he's aware of is in here.
- Helen: May want to consider scholarship funding.
- Deniece: Quest for Joe about insights into FFA why we wouldn't want to give them the \$5K.
- Al: Joe had to leave.
- Larry: We received the Century Farm request in December; not date on OFB scholarship letter.
- Helen: We have never given to Century Farm.
- Jay: Last year we declined the Market Scout request, due in part to a concern that we'll not have enough in our budget. This year it is clear we'll have sufficient funds, at least in part because the line item for the Executive Director contract will in all likelihood not be fully spent out. Market Scouts would likely rather know sooner than later so they can plan.
- Larry: Would entertain motion for Market Scouts. [No motion was forwarded.]

13	8:35 (10 min)	ED's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual progress report• Committee assignments	Information Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	a) Annual report
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Jay: Sent the annual progress report out at the end of December via email and as a newsletter; wanted to get this out for the annual members meeting. Hope to do so in the future.

- Larry: Received positive feedback on the report.

Jay: The MCFB Committee assignments are below. I'll be reaching out to get ideas for relevant areas of work. Asked if we should be trying to recruit interested people for the committees that are vacant.

- Angi: Would help us to have Chairs for the YFR and Women's Committees when doing our agro awards for OFB.
- Larry: Yes, if we can find a young farmer that is interested, that would be good. If there are people passionate, we'd love to plug them in.
- Deniece: Has anyone reached out to Gabriel?
- Al: Last he heard she was still in DC.
- Larry: Anything we can do to encourage people.
- Jay: Can a non-board member be a committee member?
- Al: Anyone selected by board can be committee chair.

14	8:45 (10 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers to date• New members• Branded gear	Information Decision	Larry Bailey Jay Udelhoven	a) Branded gear options
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Jay: We have 2 new voting members (Tobin Goodgame and Tiffany Patrella) and 2 new supporting members (Austin Beckwith and Katherine Sherman) since October 2020.

- Larry: Technically have to approve new members; will entertain motion but Jay can also distribute information on them if need be.



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Motion to approve 4 new members: Deniece Tucker; unless there is evidence that we shouldn't.

Seconded: Al Garre

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Unanimous (Joe Rossi was not present)

Motion: Carried/passed

Jay: In the packet under Item 14a is a memo on the branded gear research I did. The items and logo listed are just examples for your consideration. We could: 1) buy gear to hand out free; 2) set up a site to allow people to buy their own gear; 3) do a combination of both; or 4) not do anything/stay with the status quo.

- Larry: Rarely wears branded gear; but when you go to events, you often see people; would be great if we purchased it ourselves and offered for others to buy directly. Combo would be good opportunity.
- Angi: Received OFB items; quality is really good; vendor did a great job.
- Deniece: Works for her
- Larry: Do we want to spend some money on something like this?
- Deniece: Can we consider other logos?
- Jay: Whatever you want; just let me know.
- Larry: If we want to spend money; spend up to x dollars on gear and one with one person with a strong opinion to work with Jay?
- Angi: Last time we bought gear there was a subcommittee - Angi/Helen/Deniece. Is there a couple of people who would work with Jay on this?
- Angi: Happy to help.
- Larry: Interested in purchasing something that Jay or we can give away? 1. Design; 2. Customized for each of us.
- Helen: Good for Jay to have things like this; hats are always good if they're a good design; t-shirts, people always wear them; any meetings we could give them away.
- Deniece: Promotes a good atmosphere.
- Angi: Likes idea of having swag available; new member meeting to have a hat or something is welcoming. When people wear them in community it raises our profile.
- Al: Question about quality versus cost. Look far less expensive options up online.
- Jay: I went with vendors that have known quality. The less expensive products are often not worth buying.
- Larry: Angi and Jay and anyone else come back with a proposal: 1. Logo or gear; 2. Purchase for members; 3. Custom for members.
- Helen: Agrees with Larry.
- Deniece: Agrees. Might be able to help. Have prior logos that Helen has used; we can look at those too.

➤ **Action:** Angi, Jay and Deniece (?) to work together on a proposal: 1. Logo or gear; 2. Purchase for members; 3. Custom for members. Bring something back to the group next month.

ADJOURNMENT

15	8:55 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Angi reminds us of OFB monthly briefings.

- Angi: Leg session started this week; 2000 bills introduced; expect more; long session to June; session like none other; concern about process and transparency when Leg meetings aren't in building. Concern about how it will go; upside is we have a lot of opportunity to engage with remote meetings/hearing. Ops to testify from your own



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home. OFB posted about public testimony process; encourages everyone to think about this op. Between OFB and OFS we will be approached. OFB has monthly member Leg updates; Friday at 7:00 AM – voting member can log in via Zoom for Leg update from staff. One hour commitment. Will keep everyone informed.

AI: Regarding the prior committee question; Our By-Laws stipulate that the Nominating Committee is appointed by the president and approved by the board.... All other committees are established and given purpose by the board, and each committee member serves at the pleasure of the board.

- Larry: If we have interest from any member, we can put them on committee.

16	9:00	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

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

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	Let Larry know of anyone who may be interested in the FSA national urban ag committee.	MCFB Board Directors	1/21/2021	When possible	Completed
4	Ask Slow Food for a list of farmers that participated in Fill Your Pantry.	Jay	1/21/2021	When possible	Completed
5	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

	Minutes Approved
Date:	03/18/2021
Time:	Approximately 7:05 PM
Location:	Telephone meeting
Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	Helen Bushue
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those for:	All
Those against:	None
Motion:	Carried/Passed