



Multnomah County Farm Bureau BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: May 20, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Rossi Farms, Zoom or Call-in

Join in-person at: Rossi Farms, 3839 NE 122nd Ave, Portland, OR 97230

Join by Zoom:

Join by Phone:

Meeting Called to Order			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	05/20/2021		
Time:	7:03 PM		
Location:	Rossi Farms, Zoom, and Phone		
		Present	Absent
MCFB Board Directors:	Larry Bailey, President	Rossi's	
	Angi Bailey, Secretary	Rossi's	
	Deniece Tucker, Treasurer		x
	Al Garre, Board Director	Rossi's	
	Helen Bushue, Board Director		x
	Joe Rossi, Board Director	Rossi's	
	John Bergan, Board Director		x
MCFB Contractors:	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director	Rossi's	
OFB Board Directors:	Pete Postlewaite, Region 7 Board Director	Rossi's	
MCFB Members:	Andrew Brown, EMSWCD	Phone	
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 thanked everyone for coming; Helen, Deniece, and John won't be able to make it.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review/approve minutes	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 04/22/2021 Mins
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Larry: He had reviewed the minutes; asked everyone to review and pose questions if there are any; will entertain motion to approve when ready.

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Joe Rossi

Second: Al Garre

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried



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CONNECTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (15 min)	On the Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none">What's happening on the farm – quick round robin by board members+	Information	All board members+	N/A
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Jay: Introduced new board agenda item as a means to understand what is happening on board members' farms.

- Larry/Angi: Undertaking an EMSWCD irrigation project with a control system that will more efficiently use water; green house, which was destroyed in winter storms, was being rebuilt; doing some retail tree sales.
- Pete: Pruning hazel nuts, planting corn/cucumber; 1/2 pound cucumbers for juice (cosmetics) on 25 acres; continuing with wetland mitigation bank on 40 acres (estimated value \$205k/acre).
- Al: Renter has been planting; irrigating in April/May like it's August; plant whenever you want; waiting for degree days to harvest crop; drilled own well a while back because couldn't afford city water; city water is now >\$5/ccf.
- Joe: Toured ag opportunity in Boardman (carrot/radishes mechanization); irrigation is big thing on this farm; on Rossi Farms, renter's flowers for Mother's Day sold out.
- Andrew: Good season at headwaters, very dry; got planted earlier than usual; a little conflict between farmers; facilities built out solar is functioning and offsetting needs; 16 farmers out there this year/15 actually on the farm.

4	7:25 (5 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">Numbers to dateNew member	Information/ Decision	Larry Bailey	a) Membership Report
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Larry: MCFB fell out of top 15 counties in terms of members; overall OFB membership percentages are up but overall numbers are down; new member to approve - John Parker as a supporting member, from NW Portland; entertain a motion.

Motion to approve John Parker as a new Supporting Member: Al Garre

Second: Angi Bailey

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

[Food break.]

5	7:30 (5 min)	Outreach & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none">Branded gear/logos	Decisions	Jay Udelhoven Angi Bailey Deniece Tucker	N/A
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Angi: Graphic artist provided 2 options (Jay passed around images on his phone); there is a third option on its way; can distribute all four (including existing logo) via email over summer break and we can vote on it; if people want to be anonymous, we can arrange that.



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Motion to have ED send logo options and poll to board members over summer break: Al Garre

Second: Angi Bailey

Discussion: Joe – we should make sure to include the current logo.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

➤ **Action:** Jay to distribute logo options and online polling to board members over summer break.

Jay: A big thanks to Joe for donating 10 hats with our current logo on them; let me know if you know of someone who should receive one.

- Joe: Would like to donate 12 additional hats with new logo.
- Al: With the money we have in our budget, Joe should not have to pay for hats.
- Joe: Wants to do this; MCFB can buy second round.
- Al: What are cost discounts for more hats?

➤ **Action:** Jay to check on price breaks for hats.

Motion to establish \$300 fund to buy promotional materials to be given out under discretion of President and ED: Al Garre

Second: Angi Bailey

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

➤ **Action:** Deniece to set up \$300 fund in budget for promotional materials.

REPRESENTING FARMERS					
6	7:35 (10 min)	OFB/Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly Member Briefings the fourth Friday of the month at 7 a.m. (May 28, June 25, July 23)	Information	Pete Postlewaite Angi Bailey	N/A

Pete: Brian glazer elected OFB budget chair; money is good; took out latest gains to hold in special fund; other things to do to rebalance portfolio; John Zelinski voted 3rd VP – he has labor, water, retail, production ag – very big asset; petition 13; started \$25K seed money coalition to fight it; good HR/attorney discussion about social justice.

- Joe: Question about initiative 13.
- Angi: They have enough sigs (1,000) to get a ballot title which represents the 1st op to challenge. Next they will need about 112,000 sigs to get on ballot; will need to collect ~150,000 sigs because many are thrown out. Aiming for 11/2021; OFB leading coalition to fight it. Also filed similarly in Colorado for same period.

Larry: Have been in communication with Representative Anna Williams; Zoom meeting scheduled with her for Friday the May 28th from 11-11:30; invited board members or MCFB members - is board OK with us inviting the general membership (but only distributing the meeting links to members who respond indicating that they want to attend)?



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Williams' farm-related votes were somewhat consistent; 2nd amendment issues she differed; most of bills direct impact on ag she is a reasonable ally. ag overtime bill back and forth; they deserve overtime but she accepts fact that farmers can't pay for it; With no overwhelming board response, we'll just let board know. Planning tour this spring with her; does Headwaters Farm host officials? Would Headwaters host?

- Andrew: Anna Williams – Yes, we'd host.
- Larry: We'll see how it works out and will keep EMSWCD in loop.

➤ **Action: Jay to send out Williams meeting information to the board.**

7	7:45 (5 min)	Project Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bull Run Project• DSL projects	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Attended another Bull Run Advisory Group meeting; they reviewed the Good Neighbor Plan that was brought up at our last board meeting. Posed a question regarding the long-term impacts to surrounding land values from the facility. Their answer, which felt overly dismissive, was that they didn't think there would be any impacts. By their own admission, they had not reviewed research, looked at any data, or inquired with any land valuation experts on the topic. Others at the meeting prodded them on the topic. They agreed to look into it. In terms of DSL permits, only one review this last month which was for a project on the Willamette River.

- Andrew: David Peters, from the Bull Run Project, has asked in the past about groups that he could talk to. First-hand updates offer for meeting stand.

ASSISTING FARMERS

8	7:50 (5 min)	Farmworker Housing Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on external project	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Jay: The same developer that we supported with a letter for the Amanda Court project last year came back to us this year asking for our input on another potential project that would include farmworker housing. The developer is considering a new site near the Gateway Transit Center for this next project; the project would have a total 50-60 units, with 60% reserved for "medium-income" and 10-15 units reserved for agricultural workers. When the board was queried, Larry and Joe responded; Joe asked for a meeting with the developers, which they accommodated.

- Joe: Great meeting; asked for our input; what they are doing is not going to work; not going to work for farmers or them; they actually listened.
- Pete: What were they overlooking?
- Joe: Housing too far away from farm; labor housing on farm is much easier; if it's at Gateway, they'll work locally.
- Larry: Surprised; thought they may be looking to get a grant and not caring about input; they appeared to listen and wanted it to work; unfortunate part is the "right answer" isn't easy.
- Jay: At the end of the meeting, they appeared to be backing away from asking for the farmworker housing credit for the Gateway project, but said they are planning another project outside of Portland in the coming year and that they'd return to us for our input at that time. Stay tuned.

9	7:55 (5 min)	Farmworker COVID Vaccination Options	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Following up on action item from the last board meeting, investigated this a bit; lots of options out there to get vaccinated; appears accessible now; maybe too much information; some options in other areas to go directly to the farmworkers on farms (e.g., Hood River Valley), but didn't find anything here; have to have Internet access for everything that was found.

- Larry: Had problems finding Mt. Hood Community College vaccination option for two of his farmworkers; farmworkers would have never figured it out; for the second shot they know what to do; set up for POC and migrant workers. Mt. Hood community college drop-in clinic for POC and migrant workers.

10	8:00 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	Andrew Brown	N/A
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Andrew: EMSWCD staff still working remotely; updating strategic plan; steady stream of technical assistance requests for Jeremy; had a farm transition workshop series (4th year in a row) with Clackamas and Tualatin; very little interest from Multnomah County; thinking of not leading these in future; a lot of time for little participation; interested in knowing what the need is.

- Larry: Know people who attended thought they had positive experiences; many farmers don't have kids to hand the farm off to.
- Andrew: Hand-off could be to anyone, not just children of the farm owners.
- Joe: Hadn't considered that angle; how to make the farm transferable with value with family or not.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

11	8:05 (5 min)	Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSU Extension offerings• Ag Fest outcome/thank you	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Thank you flyer
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Jay: OSU Extension Service offers on-line and in-person trainings on a variety of essential farm-related topics. Composting, Land Stewarding, market pricing, hemp growing, small ruminant parasite management, food safety, youth tractor, atv, and side by side training. There is a lot of offerings out there but no central place where farmers can find out about it; going to look into this some more. Attached is a thank you and brief report from the Oregon Ag Fest that we sponsored; they had 750 cars and 4,000 people attend the drive through event.

ASKING FARMERS

		No progress to report.			
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ADMINISTRATION

12	8:10 (10 min)	Board Secretary Position <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New appointment?	Information/ Discussion	Angi Bailey	N/A
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[Skipped to #14 while Angi was present.]

Angi: Sent Jay letter stepping down from secretary and board; appreciate opportunity to serve.

- Larry: Need a secretary.
- Angi: Easy with ED.
- Larry: Can ask Deniece; really a figure head position; happy to chat with her; can be same person.

➤ **Action: Larry to talk to Deniece about possibility of her serving as both Treasurer and Secretary.**



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13	8:20 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Friends from Klamath Lake Farm Bureau often talk about water woes; can't take water out of lake for irrigation; this year it is really bad.

- Angi: Water shortages were theme across entire state at OFB meeting.
- Pete: We're a month ahead of we're normally are; they usually shut them off in September (surface water from river).

14	8:30 (10 min)	Finance & Budget ➤ Financial statements ➤ Grants	Information Decision	Larry Bailey	a) Financial Reports b) Grant Summary
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[Skipped from #12 while Angi was present.]

Larry: Way under budget on most things. \$7K net positive; will entertain a motion to accept the financials.

Motion to accept financial statements: Al Garre

Second: Joe Rossi

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

- Jay: Any grants we want to consider before the break, such as the golf tournament and trap shoot?
- Larry: Could consider the trap shoot which will be in early September.
- Al: We can approve by email later in the summer if we need to.

15	8:40 (5 min)	ED's Report	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Still moving to the coast but will continue to serve MCFB in current capacity; house is now pending; likely to take some time off over summer but will still be available. Plan to work on summer newsletter, membership outreach, and research current training options for local farmers.

ADJOURNMENT

16	8:45 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Last meeting for the summer; will coordinate with Jay to send out logos and vote will include 4 options; plan to spend \$300 on promotional materials after decision made; also talk in September about board hats, shirts, etc.

17	8:50	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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8:37 adjourned.



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MCFB Committee	Committee Members
Ag Education	Helen Bushue
Ag Labor	Vacant
Awards & Recognition	Vacant
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	Completed
5	Let MCFB Board Members know when Headwaters Farm tour is scheduled	Joe	4/22/2021	When scheduled	To be completed
6	Reach out to new potential LAC members	Larry	4/22/2021	When possible	To be completed
7	Reach out to Joe regarding water rights	Jay	4/22/2021	When possible	To be completed
8	Distribute logo options and online polling to board members over summer break.	Jay	5/20/2021	Over summer	Completed
9	Check on price breaks for hats.	Jay	5/20/2021	When possible	To be completed
10	Set up \$300 fund in budget for promotional materials.	Deniece	5/20/2021	When possible	Completed
11	Send out Williams meeting information to the board	Jay	5/20/2021	ASAP	Completed
12	Talk to Deniece about possibility of her serving as both Treasurer and Secretary.	Larry	5/20/2021	When possible	Completed



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	Minutes Approved
Date:	09/20/2021
Time:	7:05 PM
Location:	Rossi's Farm
Motion By:	Joe Rossi
Second By:	Deniece Tucker
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those against:	None
Those for:	All
Motion:	Passed