



Multnomah County Farm Bureau BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: January 20, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Rossi Farms, Zoom or Call-in

Meeting Attendees			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	01/20/2022		
Time:	7:05		
Location:	Rossi Farms, Zoom, and Phone		
		Present	Absent
MCFB Board Officers:	Larry Bailey, President	Zoom	
	Deniece Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer	Phone	
MCFB Board Directors:	Al Garre	Zoom	
	Helen Bushue	Zoom	
	Joe Rossi	Zoom	
	John Bergan	Phone	
	Scott Reed	Phone	
MCFB Contractors:	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director	Zoom	
OFB Board Directors:	Pete Postlewaite, Region 7 Board Director	Zoom	
MCFB Members:	EMSWCD		x
Other:			x

No.	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE	PRESENTOR	HANDOUTS
1	7:00 (5 min)	Welcome and Introductions • Review and adjust agenda	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A

Larry: Welcomed everyone.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board & Annual Meeting Minutes • <i>Review/approve minutes</i>	Decisions	Larry Bailey	a) 10/21/2021 Mins b) 11/11/2021 Mins
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Larry: Asked everyone to review minutes and suggested a motion to approve when ready.

- Jay: Please verify annual meeting attendees.
- Larry: Thought they were correct.

[Motion to accept November 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Deniece Tucker](#)

[Second: John Bergan](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

[Motion to approve October 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Al Garre](#)



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Second: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

CONNECTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (10 min)	On the Farm What's happening on the farm – quick round robin by board members+	Information	All board members+	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jay: We now own almost 2 acres on the coast; we're going to raise bees so we'll be in production!Larry: Busy time for nursery industry; balling trees last weekend; trying to get stuff out of ground; bigger nurseries in area can't guarantee supply due to labor shortages.Joe: Just trimmed grapes; planted new ones getting ready for year; positioning event space.Al: Retired; not actively farming; trespass issues.Helen: End of year books; no more green house stuff for the farm; 5 months of the year 7 days a week will be free!Deniece: Just started digging after rains; transplanting trees; planting when weather lets them; bad weather propagating in green house.Scott: Been out when dry putting up fences; when wet, putting out chicken tractor; 300 layers ordered.Pete: Wrapping up pumpkin seeds; filled existing orders; moved down waiting list; meeting with tax attorneys and estate planners; still planning a move.					
4	7:20 (15 min)	Gatherings/Conventions Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none">MCFB Annual MeetingOFB ConventionAFBF Convention	Information	Larry Bailey & Other Attendees	N/A

Larry: Curious to hear thoughts on annual meeting ... different venue; spent more money; thought it was great; others?

- Deniece: Nice change; enjoyed it more than Monarch Hotel.
- Helen: Good turn out; venue was excellent.
- Al: Great venue, food, turnout; speaker did a good job.
- Joe: Enjoyed hosting it.
- Larry: Next year; do it at Iverson's? Do not need decision but need to think about county pays for everything versus cost-share.

➤ **ACTION:** Larry/Jay to have conversation sooner rather than later with Clackamas County FB about 2022 annual meeting.

Larry: Thanked Joe, Al, Scott, Helen and family, and Jay for attending OFB Convention; meeting was not as contentious as he thought it would be; unopposed elections.



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- Jay: Impressively big but functional group with surprisingly diverse views.
- Scott: Pretty impressed: expectations were ~low but OFB staff were impressive; stronger organization than he thought; not obvious if there are factions; cordial and friendly; good experience.
- Larry: Informative for more elected officials to attend so they understand where policy book comes from.
- Scott: Done some polling in state and farm community ranked highest in state for likability and trust.
- Larry: Aspects of the poll that they were pleasantly surprised about the view of hunters, fishers, farmers, etc.

Larry: Did not attend nearly as many seminars during the AFBF Convention as he wanted; wasn't as impressed this year. Three big takeaways: 1) Zippy in opening remarks said if we want to grow membership we need to diversify with underrepresented groups; small nontraditional, nonconventional farms; 2) During county showcase one county gave away silicon wedding rings; all states and counties could do this – buy these rings to prevent injuries; medal wedding rings may not be the best option; and 3) WA state farm bureau president said appreciated associate member money as it allows urban counties ability to advocate where it's needed most.

- Joe: Agreed; enjoyed being there; nice to see fellow farmers.
- Al: Appreciated opportunity to go; disappointed with some of the topics so didn't see a lot of connection to our county.
- Larry: They may have struggled to get presenters this year compared to others; most value is meeting farmers from other areas, even others from Oregon; creating relationships with people.
- Al: Thanked national and Oregon staff for organizing parts of their convention.
- Helen: Motivational speaker?
- Larry: Former air force pilot: Murph Murphy; talked about mission planning process; he talks to business about planning; e.g. instrument panel; in business, figure out key issues and make sure key issues are handled well; after the fact need to analyze how to do things better.

5	7:35 (5 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers to date• New members	Information/ Decision	Larry Bailey	a) Membership Report
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Larry: Numbers to date 701 and 63; not sure where we are compared to last year; list of unpaid members.

- Deniece: Sent packet today; expiration report; mailed it with check.
- Jay: 2 new supporting members and 1 new voting member.
- Larry: Reviewed names of new members; address for voting member is a condo; we tend not to do a lot of vetting.
- Helen: Usually signed up by Country Insurance.
- Larry: Application was processed up by OFB2; other supporting member on Clark Street; voting member would have had to had certified.
- Jay: Could do more sleuthing if they desired.

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to look for most recent list of unpaid members and reach out to them.

Motion to accept new members as identified in Item 5a attachment to the Board Agenda: Al Garre

Second: Helen Bushue

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None



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[For: All](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

- Larry: Always feels a little strange approving new members without any vetting; will continue unless someone asks for more information; Clackamas?
- Pete: Never heard any discussion about new members.
- Larry: We have to accept them as new voting members; bylaws?

6	7:40 (5 min)	Outreach & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Branded gear	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Have kept in touch with members and other stakeholders through emails, social media, and a winter mail out (annual report). We got the new caps in with the new logo; these are available for promotion and new members; will work on improving swag and on drop ship order options.

ASSISTING FARMERS & COMMUNITIES

7	7:45 (5 min)	Oregon Child Development Coalition	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: During our October meeting we discussed the OCDC. A friend of Al's, Steve Petruzilli, had reached out to him about MCFB engagement. I talked to Steve the other day, he is looking for a farmer, preferably one who is in relative close proximity to HQ in Wilsonville, to participate formally or informally in OCDC ~monthly or quarterly board meetings to provide farmer input. Ideally a farmer who is or employs immigrants.

- Al: Better fit for Clackamas County?
- Scott: No experience with immigrant farm labor; but do have experience with low income housing; could go to one meeting from a finance and construction side for building housing for people who cannot afford it.
- Larry: If Scott is interested, that's great; someone from Clackamas might be better.
- Scott: Could be Plan B if Plan A doesn't come together.
- Larry: Has one farm worker none of which has kids; someone with large operation better: Pete?

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to send Pete information on OCDC request; Pete to bring it up to CCFB.

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to put OCDC request on February Board agenda.

8	7:50 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	TBD	N/A
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Larry: No one from district; Joe?

- Joe: Nothing new to report; strategic planning; social justice; Nancy couldn't attend.
- Helen: Asked Joe if he thought there was a good balance on board.
- Joe: Not a good balance representing farmers; through strategic planning good at negotiating; hoping to devote energy to things that benefit farmers; set group up to be more active with farm bureaus; \$17M? budget; potentially more conversations with them.
- Larry: Something want to discuss later; would love to start more member outreach; people don't realize what EMSWCD does.



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- Jay: Talked to Nancy Hamilton; she said she'd like to attend more of our meetings; also suggested we hold a joint summer bbq.

9	7:55 (5 min)	Appreciation for Support - RMHC	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Cert. of Appreciation - RMHC
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Jay: Called everyone's attention to the Certificate of Appreciation sent by the Ronald McDonald House for MCFB's financial support last year.

REPRESENTING FARMERS					
10	8:00 (5 min)	OFB/Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly Member Briefings the fourth Friday of the month at 7 a.m.	Information	Pete Postlewaite/ Larry Bailey	N/A

Pete: ODA working on forgivable loan program; \$125K going off taxes for '17, '18, '19 that you could show FSA or crop insurance doesn't cover; implementing it now. Approved all issue advisory committees; can be changed at any time.

- Larry: Pete involved in committee member approval process;
- Pete: The OFB Board approves all committees.
- Larry: Advocate for Scott on land use board; didn't realize deadline or process; submit name to Pete and will follow up with John and then approved by next board.
- Pete: Still gets minutes from labor committee; ag overtime is in leg, courts, and agencies; right now hoping 50 hours is the threshold; will have to keep an eye on it; authorized \$10K toward campaign to fight. Sexual harassment flowchart should be out to counties soon.
- Larry: Unclear if flowchart has been distributed.
- Helen: Asked if counties can contribute to efforts to fight ag overtime.
- Pete: Special advocacy funds available.
- Helen: Will ag overtime be on a ballot?
- Pete: Don't know; at 40 hours nobody is going to win; they won't get overtime.
- Larry: Convo with state rep last spring about this; stated that farmers won't pay it so won't let them go over 40 hours; Rep's response was that Salem attitude was that we're in middle of labor shortage so employers won't have a choice.
- Jay: Reminded everyone Of the OFB monthly policy meetings.

11	8:05 (10 min)	Multnomah County Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deletion of farm dwelling optionFollow up opportunity with Commissioner	Information	Scott Reed/ Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Introduced topic and reminded everyone that Scott, Joe, and Jay testified (and OFB/MCFB submitted a formal comment letter) last summer at the planning commission meeting during which the commission voted to forward a motion to remove a provision in county code that allowed farmers to establish a dwelling on farmland under certain conditions. The full Multnomah County Board met in early January to consider removing the option/code; Scott and Jay testified again but again the Board voted to remove the option/code.



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- Scott: Adam Barber from planning dept didn't accurately represent the discussion at planning commission; strange that they'll make decisions for farmers without talking to farmers; woman who spoke from forest park loves farms as long as they don't disturb her; statewide meeting was impressive but crazy how little fear the county has to ignore OFB; commissioners didn't think twice about it.
- Jay: I followed up with all commission members; District 2 Commissioner Jayapal's office replied and asked for a meeting on 2/4 at 3:30 PM.
- Scott: Would love to be wingman; they need to have a kneejerk reaction; "have you talked to the farm bureau"; right now they don't.
- Larry: I could teach anyone in this room to be a farmer... Micheal Bloomberg.
- Jay: Anyone else?
- Joe: If available will help.
- Deniece: Posed a Measure 47 question.
- Larry: Believe landowners had to have had an application in place at the time.
- Jay: Explained a bit about Measure 47/49.
- Scott: Issue is the farmland that is available is not inexpensive; if you can't finance purchase it's harder to finance land; hard not to be on property; this was the best path if farm wasn't 160 acres, etc; can't do that now.
- Larry: Even the other path (proof of income) cousin had to fight the county for years on it.
- Scott: County is horrible to work with and unchecked; had 5 planning dept head of the last 8 years.
- Larry: Yes, Jay, Scott and Joe please meet with county official.
- Scott: Location set; Rossi farm?

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to set up meeting with County Commissioner and inform Scott and Joe.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

12	8:15 (5 min)	Educational Funding Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summer Ag Institute</i>• <i>Oregon FFA</i>• <i>Oregon Ag Education Foundation Memorial Scholarships</i>	Decisions	Larry Bailey	a) SAI Letter b) OR FFA Letter c) OAEF Letter
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Larry: Will address these funding requests one at a time. First, SAI; \$5,200 last year funded two teachers.

- Helen: Don't know if expenses have gone up; can we check to see what charges are?
- Larry: Since they've asked for it, we could do it now and then look at supplementing later.
- Helen: Yes; will follow up on increased costs.

Motion to approve \$5,2000 for SAI: Helen Bushue

Second: Al Garre

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried



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Larry: Oregon FFA has requested funding again this year; last year we gave \$5,000; we haven't done this every year, but asking for us to donate again.

- Helen: Suggested \$1K.

Motion to approve \$1,000 for OR FFA: Helen Bushue

Second: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

Larry: Next is OAEF memorial scholarship; last year we provided \$3,000; we could donate proceeds from raffles ~\$800.

- Deniece: We did not have a surplus this past year.
- Larry: Donate money regardless of what we "made."
- Deniece: ~\$1550 in cash and ~\$230 on vis.a
- Helen: OAEF has expenses beyond memorial scholarships; do we want to donate to them as well?
- Larry: Just asking for scholarship donations; don't have to do something right now.

Motion to approve \$3,000 for OAEF Memorial Scholarship: Helen Bushue

Second: John Began

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

- **ACTION:** Helen to look into OAEF needs for itself.
- **ACTION:** Larry and Deniece to talk about firearms raffle proceeds.

Helen: Talk about ag fest next month?

- Larry: Can do it now.
- Helen: What did we do last year?
- Larry: \$1K

Motion to approve \$1,000 for Oregon Ag Fest: Helen Bushue

Second: John Began

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

Helen: May be an OFB request to donate as well.

Deniece: Western Resource Legal Fund?



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- Larry: \$1k contribution in 2020.
- Jay: They emailed me and called Al.
- Helen: Increase for what they do?
- Larry: Great org and they do a lot; we should remember that we'll likely spend more money this next year if many of us go to AFBF next year.
- Helen: We made more money this year.

[Motion to approve \\$2,000 for WRLC: Helen Bushue](#)

[Second: Al Garre](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

13	8:20 (5 min)	Thimbleberry Collaborative Farm	Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: A rep from Thimbleberry Collaborative Farm called me last month. They are a nonprofit organization that serves East Multnomah County as a regenerative farm, education center and community hub. Suggested they contact EMSWCD and Multnomah County. They are looking for ~10 acres of land to lease on the east side. They'd like to introduce themselves to us next month.

- Larry: Invite them.
- Jay: Land available?
- Larry: They'll need water; most irrigated land probably already has nursery stock on it.

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to invite Thimbleberry Collaborative Farm to next MCFB meeting.

14	8:25 (5 min)	Learning Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFB Pesticide Training• Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Reminder that OFB's **Pesticide virtual applicators' class for 4 CORE credit hours** is Thursday, February 24, 2022, 8 a.m. to noon; the training is \$20 for current voting or supporting Farm Bureau members. Questioned whether this is something we can promote with MCFB members and possibly subsidize.

- Deniece: Sounds like a good idea.
- Larry: We could host one ourselves again; think it's a great idea but not now.

Jay: The 2022 American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference will take place Feb. 25-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. This could also be advertised to members and possibly sponsor someone.

- Larry: Angie will be at that. Feels more supportive of this than the earlier idea; paid dividends for Angi and Gabrielle; could put it out to membership; personal preference would be to identify someone specifically
- Jay: Someone specific in mind?
- Helen: February might be bad time for nursery guys.



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- Larry: Thanks for bringing to our attention; if someone thinks of someone we could do by email; long-term people have benefited from these investments.
- Jay: Will try to be more proactive next time.
- Helen: Work on Oregon YFR conference?

➤ **ACTION:** Jay to look in to 2022 Oregon YFR Conference opportunity.

ASKING FARMERS

No progress to report.

ADMINISTRATION

15	8:30 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: We'll follow up on Scott and land use committee; Chuck Thompson's district 66 position will be an open seat this year; many people running for it; many are in district; opportunity to hear from people who may be supportive of MCFB; have interest in hearing from candidates.

- Helen: Zoom meetings might make it easier
- Larry: Easier to get members to show up; opposition?
- Helen/Joe/Deniece: Good idea.
- Larry: Chuck was one of a few farmers; will explore something next month prior to primary; working on nursery people trying to get them to come to some meetings; encourage members to encourage new membership; Scott is newest person but would be great to get 2-3 new board members. Started better member outreach with pesticide training; might still work but less value now everything is online and easier to find; question for Board, is there interest to explore ideas for member outreach? Would like to do a bbq this summer with EMSWCD and OAN; anyone interested in brainstorming ideas?
- Joe & Scott Volunteered for membership outreach committee; Deniece would volunteer if she had ideas.

➤ **ACTION:** Larry/Joe/Scot/Deniece will chat or email back and forth some ideas; value to members and things we're passionate about doing.

16	8:40 (10 min)	Treasurer/Secretary Report • Financial statements	Decision	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial Reports
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Deniece: Reviewed financials in packet; since we met last time paid several bills recently for OFB, AFBF and MCFB annual meeting... etc. A few things already over budget, but we're getting involved more this year; firearms purchase in the hole about \$550. Promotional materials are over right now, but entire budget is in good shape.

- Pete: Had a meeting with insurance guy from Country Financial; they can house \$100-200k in fund that makes 6-8%.
- Deniece: To look into country financial option; Clackamas County FB?
- Pete: CCFB doesn't do it.
- Deniece: treasurydirect.gov can deposit \$10K and get 7.12%/year; can buy series I treasury bonds; last billing



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when I turned in receipts for year; since year ends in September please submit for reimbursements before end of September.

- Larry: Large promotional line item deduction.
- Deniece: Will be working on 1099s; filed extension on tax returns; what would board like her to do? Permission to use other tax company to do it?
- Larry: Is that what you'd like to do?
- Deniece: She can do it because she finished last year's; numbers are easy but questionnaires can be overwhelming; since not creating something new probably okay unless something changes drastically.
- Larry: Should pay to get it done; fine with Deniece; sounds like we should have someone else do it.
- Deniece:
- Helen: No reimbursements for Joe Rossi?
- Jay: Looks like some double charges occurred at OFB Convention hotel.
- Deniece: Joe's hats reimbursement?
- Jay: Joe should now reimburse MCFB for the hat purchases.

- **ACTION:** Pete to connect Country Insurance financial person with Deniece.
- **ACTION:** Deniece to check with new tax company.
- **ACTION:** Jay to check with OFB Convention hotel/Joe/Al/Scott on possible double charges.
- **ACTION:** Joe to reimburse MCFB for original cap purchase.

Motion to financial report as attached: Helen Bushue

Second: Al Garre

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

17	8:50 (5 min)	Executive Director Report	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Finally moved... to Rockaway Beach; since last meeting in October, been working on MCFB Annual Meeting invites and coordination, annual progress report and mailing, OFB Convention, and farm dwelling issue. Thus far in this fiscal year: Oct – Jan (4 mos); hours: 103.25; \$6,453.13 expended.

ADJOURNMENT

18	8:55 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Reviewed action items on last page of agenda and made changes to statuses.

- **ACTION:** Jay to spend more time on WPS employer poster development/distribution; line-item next item month meeting.



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18	9:00	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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9:12 adjourned.

MCFB Committees	Committee Members
President	Larry Bailey
Vice President	Deniece Tucker
Secretary	Vacant
Awards & Recognition	Vacant
Treasurer	Deniece Tucker
Health & Safety	Deniece Tucker
Women's Chair	Vacant
Young Farmers and Ranchers Chair	Vacant
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	10/21	--	--	1/20	2/17	3/17	4/21	5/19	Off	Off	Off	9/16
Annual		11/11										
Celebration			Canceled									

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	Completed
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	Drop this one
3	Branded gear: 1. Purchase for members; 2. Custom for members.	Jay	1/21/2021	2/18/2021	Ongoing
4	Let MCFB Board Members know when Headwaters Farm tour is scheduled	Joe	4/22/2021	When scheduled	To be completed
5	Reach out to new potential LAC members	Larry	4/22/2021	When possible	Drop for now
6	Discuss and research WPS employer poster development/distribution	Jay/Larry/Scott	9/20/2021	When possible	To be completed
7	Follow up with OCDC	Jay	10/21/2021	For Jan meeting	Completed
8	Complete nominating committee activities in preparation for Annual Meeting	Al	10/21/2021	Prior to 11/11	Completed
9	Initiate planning for end-of-year/Christmas gathering on 12/11	Jay	10/21/2021	Nov	N/A
10	Work on best/worst farm county criteria; come back with something in January	Scott/Jay	10/21/2021	For Jan meeting	To be completed



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Motion By:	Helen Bushue
Second By:	Al Garre
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those against:	None
Those for:	All
Motion:	Passed/Carried