



## Multnomah County Farm Bureau BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: May 21, 2020, 7-9 pm

Location: Call-in Only

Meeting Called to Order			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	05/21/2020		
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	~	
	John Bergan, Board Director	x	
MCFB Contractors:	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director	x	
OFB Board Directors:	Pete Postlewaite, Region 7 Board Director	x	
MCFB Members:	Matt Shipkey, EMSWCD	x	
Other:			

No.	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE	PRESENTOR	HANDOUTS
1	7:00 (5 min)	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and adjust agenda</li></ul>	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A

7:02 – Larry welcomed everyone and checked on everyone’s health.

2	7:05 (5 min)	<b>Board Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review action Items</li><li>• Review/approve minutes</li></ul>	<b>Decision</b>	Larry Bailey	a) 4/16/2020 Mins
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Larry guided a review of the action items found on page 8 of the 4/16/2020 minutes.

Jay stated that #s 1-4 will be the basis of his work over the summer.

Updates to the action items included:

- #4 change from “in process” to “to do”
- #5 remove follow up content regarding date and location of meeting
- #6 change from “to do” to “on hold”
- #8 change from “in process” to “completed”
- #10 change from “to do” to “completed”
- #12 change from “on hold” to “withdrawn”

All action items that have been completed and withdrawn shall be removed from the list moving forward.

[Motion to approve the minutes: Deniece Tucker](#)



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[Seconded:](#) John Bergman

[Discussion:](#) None

[Abstained:](#) None

[For:](#) All

[Against:](#) None

[Motion:](#) Passed/carried

### SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

3	7:10 (10 min)	Market Scout Request	<i>Decision</i>	Larry Bailey	a) MS Memo
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Jay: Reviewed Market Scout request as presented in handout 3a.

Deniece: several things cancelled (like ag fest, SAI) so likely more money left; our money will sit there if not used. \$15,600 was in budget; will review what we have not allocated and come back to it later in meeting.

[7:38 returned]

Deniece: Approved \$5,200 from march... all total current commitments are \$14,300, which mean we have about \$1,300 left; however we did pledge an additional \$2,000/year for Willamette reallocation lawsuit; but we have money in the bank that was not budgeted.

Larry: If we did anything we'd have to go out of savings or surplus; open for discussion.

Al: Don't know a lot about group; we might get more requests because of upcoming election and we've already committed to Willamette river work; wonder if this is the best place; not inclined to vote yes.

Larry: already committed to cutting back due to other expenses/

Deniece: voter education golf tournament cancelled? \$3,400 was committed for this.

Angi/Pete: not cancelled

Larry: last year we donated \$8,000 for the voter education golf tournament; reasonable argument in terms of political activity; confident we'll get additional requests throughout summer.

[No motion to approve: item died](#)

### REPRESENTING FARMERS



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4	7:20 (10 min)	<b>Region 7 Policy Report</b>	Information	Pete Postlewaite Angi Bailey	N/A
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Pete: 2 half days of board meetings with guests; not a lot that got done; audit came back good; membership committee working on student dues; lawsuit from governors order still ongoing not sure if the \$10k was voted on; voted to support prime act; went around state and figured out how virus is affecting people; it's affecting more people than thought; hoping next meeting will be in person in Bend/Prineville.

Al: virus affected more people; how – economic or health wise?

Pete: economic, not physical/health wise.

5	7:30 (10 min)	<b>Election Year Activities/Candidates</b>	Discussion	Larry Bailey Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Larry: we'll likely be asked to be involved via donations with campaigns, etc; may need a brief board meeting prior to September; Jeff Helfrich running against Anna Williams reached out to Larry; will be difficult to endorse him over Williams given her work with us; if we could not endorse someone would be better than endorsing Williams.

Jay: Noted that there will be several local positions (such as EMSWCD board director positions) on the ballot this year; encouraged everyone to think of farmers and farm supporters who are interested in elected service; offered to help with information in this regard.

6	7:40 (5 min)	<b>DSL Permit Reviews</b>	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: reviewing DSL permits for development as they come in. Takes minimal amount of time to determine if projects will impact farming areas. Reviewed 4 permits since our last meeting; nothing of interest.

### ASKING FARMERS

7	7:45 (5 min)	<b>Activity Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blueberry prices</li><li>• Small farm startup</li><li>• Soil improvement</li></ul>	Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Fielded four questions for farmers since our last meeting; questions concerned blueberry prices, small farm startup, soil improvement, and grazing rates. Will continue to receive these and post appropriate Q&A on social media.



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### ASSISTING FARMERS

8	7:50 (5 min)	<b>Activity Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COVID assistance</li><li>• Farm list</li></ul>	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Received one request for assistance from two farmers who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Researched assistance and found Oregon does not have a hotline or webpage specific for farmers who have COVID-19; pass this on to OFB suggesting they might work with ODA on these. Found some resources and forwarded to the two farmers; received and expression of gratitude.

Also launched the **Find A Farm** page on the MCFB web site: <https://multnomahcfb.org/find-a-farm-home.html>. We have over 110 farms on the site, out of approximately 650. So we have a ways to go to get more farms and get accurate information. Have received input on the list; will continually work to expand and improve the list. Hope it will be a one-stop shop for people to access and support local farms.

- **Action:** Board Directors to review and provide input on additional farms to add to the list and improving the accuracy of existing information.

9	7:45 (5 min)	<b>EMSWCD Update</b>	Information	EMSWCD Rep	N/A
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Matt: trying to help headwaters farmers with marketing; workshops online; helping orgs that are struggling financially; conservation transactions continue; continue technical and financial assistance for nurseries and livestock operations; will pass MCFB info to Headwaters farmers

Jay: Most of Headwater farmers on the Find A Farm list.

### CONNECTING FARMERS

10	7:50 (5 min)	<b>Social Media Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website (<a href="http://www.multnomahcfb.org">www.multnomahcfb.org</a>)</li><li>• Instagram</li><li>• LinkedIn</li></ul>	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: We launched the website since the last meeting. We continue to post content to all of the social media platforms on a daily/weekly basis. We have 110 Instagram followers, up from 65 at last meeting. We need farm photos!

- **Action:** Board Directors to text Jay farm photos: 206-595-5078.



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### ADMINISTRATION

11	7:55 (10 min)	<b>President's Report</b>	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Reviewed the membership report; on 5/29 there will be an OFB membership retention zoom meeting; big thing is how COVID is impacting us; things are shut down and markets are closed; in addition the govt regs are increasing but are hopefully temporary; OFB sends out information but it is difficult to stay current; if you have employees make sure you check the information to see what changes are; 24 page OSHA guidance been delayed until June 1; USDA guidelines for u-pick. OFB is pushing this #stillfarming; short videos would be great.

12	8:05 (15 min)	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial statements</li><li>• Investing opportunity</li><li>• Annual dues notice</li></ul>	Information <b>Decision</b>	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial reports b) Dues notice
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Deniece: Reviewed financials; money markets making 0.2%; on P&L everything moving well, still have net income; budget is same, still on schedule; only one over is office expenditures by \$100, supplies \$150 and \$10 in advertising because of Jay's work; little activity since last meeting; just got monthly check, earned interest, and CD is consistent; only bill was Jay's monthly.

Motion to accept financial statement: Al Garre

Seconded: Angie Bailey

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed/carried

Deniece, regarding investing: Already talked about call with Edward Jones; called Farm Bureau Bank, but they have no opportunities for investment other than CDs and CDs are super low; only suggestion at this point is to put significant amount with Edward Jones and we'd probably get 4-8% earning per year average.

- Larry: investing op – Pete, what does Clackamas do?
- Pete: not in any market; just Money Market; no further discussion.
- Larry: it sounds like what we're doing now is consistent with other counties.
- Pete: thinks Marion County merged with OFB so they can manage their money with same entity.
- Deniece: min of \$50k needed for that; we were invited to join that company but they have little time for small investors.
- Pete: good at picking bonds; won't come to a meeting for \$50k.
- Den: if we did something, bonds would be best.
- Larry: will propose until we have next face to face; without spending a lot of time on it, Deniece to continue to advise on better ways to invest as she comes across them.

Deniece regarding annual dues: Annual dues went through last year, decided to keep dues the same at \$125.



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- Larry: \$125 gives us \$10 for each voting/supporting; costs us \$115.
- Angi: with everything happening, not sure what membership will look like next year; at OFB board meeting said we're likely to see membership impact next year not this year.
- Larry: we make W10/member; it's a small fraction of our total budget.

[Motion to keep as is at \\$125 for voting and supporting: Deniece](#)

[Seconded: John Bergman](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Against: None](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

13	8:20 (5 min)	<b>ED's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Activities</li></ul>	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: plan on undertaking four primary activities over the summer break – business plan, budget structure, brochure, and outreach to new and existing members.

L: be as proactive as possible with outreach.

14	8:25 (5 min)	<b>New Members</b>	<b>Decision</b>	Larry Bailey	(TBD)
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Larry: not aware of any.

Deniece: not aware of any; nothing new has come.

### ADJOURNMENT

15	8:30 (5 min)	<b>Announcements and Reminders</b>	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: likely chat in July or August to schedule meeting.

Joe Rossi: announced he had joined the meeting mid-stream.

Last meeting until September; everyone have great summer!

16	8:35	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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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	Completed
2	Work to improve brochure substance	Jay (w/Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	Completed
3	Work to improve business plan substance	Jay (w/Deniece, Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	Completed
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 OFB notification for next year's annual meeting.	Jay	1/15/2020	Within next few months	To do
6	Reach out to Cole at Country Financial to invite to a Board meeting.	Larry	1/15/2020	When possible	On hold
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	On hold
8	<b>Find A Farm</b> review and input <a href="https://multnomahcfb.org/find-a-farm-home.html">https://multnomahcfb.org/find-a-farm-home.html</a>	Board Directors	5/21/2020	When possible	When possible
9	Send farm photos to Jay 206-595-5078	Board Directors	5/21/2020	When possible	Ongoing

	Minutes Approved
<b>Date:</b>	09/24/2020
<b>Time:</b>	~7:06 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Call in
<b>Motion By:</b>	Al Garre
<b>Second By:</b>	Deniece Tucker
<b>Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Abstained:</b>	None
<b>Those for:</b>	All present
<b>Those against:</b>	None
<b>Motion:</b>	Carried/passed