



Multnomah County Farm Bureau

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: September 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 ID:

Passcode:

	Meeting Called to Order		
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	09/20/2021		
Time:	7:03 PM		
Location:	Rossi Farms, Zoom, and Phone		
		Present	Absent
MCFB Board Directors:	Larry Bailey, President	Rossi's	
	Deniece Tucker, Treasurer	Zoom	
	Al Garre, Board Director		x
	Helen Bushue, Board Director	Zoom	
	Joe Rossi, Board Director	Rossi's	
	John Bergan, Board Director	Zoom	
MCFB Contractors:	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director	Rossi's	
OFB Board Directors:	Pete Postlewaite, Region 7 Board Director	Rossi's	
MCFB Members:	Andrew Brown, EMSWCD		x
Other:	Scott Reed	Rossi's	

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

Voting Member, Scott Reed, attended his first meeting. Scott introduced himself: he owns 80 acres on the west side; planned on building a house and raising livestock; currently has 1,000 layers/chickens; constantly gets red tags from county; 3 grading permits; sell eggs his eggs to the kids' schools; beef to hogs to chicken layers; property was mostly blackberries when he bought it.

Larry convened the meeting at 7:10 and welcomed everyone.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Review/approve minutes</i>	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 05/20/2021 Mins
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Larry: Had previously looked at minutes; asked the board to review; entertained a motion to accept.

[Motion to accept the minutes as written: Joe Rossi](#)

[Second: Deniece Tucker](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

CONNECTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (10 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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- Larry: Fall planting; graphing; building greenhouse; new irrigation project going well; cost share 75:25; data provided.
- Pete: Waiting for corn to dry down; did cucumbers; picked neighbor's cucumbers; done watering everything; out of field.
- Scott Reed: 1000 layers in pasture; looking for 1000 more.
- Deniece/John: Started digging laurels again; planting starts soon; inventorying plants; busy all summer with watering; moving fields to keep grass down; John fixing fences/hoeing; had bumper crops of fruit trees (peaches, pears, apple sauce, plums, prunes).
- Helen: Getting ready Oct 2 pumpkin patch (reservations only; hayrides for groups of 12); redirecting electrical power; new outside play area due to covid; thought pumpkin crop would be small but crop of big ones is pretty good; bad weather knocked corn stalks down; new slushy machine!
- Joe: Harvesting table grapes going to Rose City Pepperheads (first commercial customer); grapes going to production; low crop due to heat; farm in cover crop.

4	7:20 (5 min)	Social Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Trap shoot (9/15)Golf tournament (9/21)End-of-Year/Christmas Gathering?	Information/ Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Trap shoot, last week; MCFB did not attend; raised \$20K for OFB PAC. Golf Tournament is tomorrow in Woodburn; Pete and I are paired up. Questioned whether we wanted to plan for the annual Christmas/End-of-Year Gathering?

- Larry: should try; xmas party
- Pete: annual dinner?
- Scott: sounds good
- Larry: anybody thinks it's a bad idea?
- Joe: nice to have; end of year
- Larry: tentatively yes



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5	7:25 (5 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer outreach• Numbers to date• New members	Information/ Decision	Larry Bailey/ Jay Udelhoven	a) Membership Report/New Members
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Jay: Did quite a bit of outreach to new, expired, and potential members over the summer; included emails, texts, phone calls, and about 6 cap mailings. Went back and forth with OFB about how they calculate the membership counts for the reports (included in the board packet; found out that only those paid up for next year are counted, so if we have active members this year who are not due to pay their membership fees yet for next year, they don't count; this doesn't seem to be an accurate description of the current membership roles and OFB appeared to recognize this.

- Larry: This has always been confusing.
- Pete: This comes up often at OFB meetings; way too much time is spent discussing this which means it probably isn't the best measure.
- Scott: Is the membership list public? I serve as area representative and can do outreach to potential members; has 1,000 neighbors; have at least 3 other people that should join.

➤ **Action Item:** Jay to send Scott membership information for his area.

Larry: New voting and supporting members are listed in the packet in Item 5a; voting members certified ag production; if comfortable we can approve.

[Motion to accept new voting and supporting members as listed in Board Packet Item 5a: Joe Rossi](#)

[Second: Helen Bushue](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Passed/carried](#)

6	7:30 (5 min)	Outreach & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Newsletter• Logos	Discussion/ Decision	Jay Udelhoven	a) Summer Newsletter b) Logo Options
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Jay: Included a copy of the summer newsletter in the packet FYI; hopefully everyone at the meeting received on in the mail; we sent out about 450 of these to members and other stakeholders. Over the summer, I also sent a poll request to board members for the logos; not everyone weighed in, but the results are in board packet Item 6b.

➤ Larry: 2nd from left with big tractor had most votes; entertain motion to except; but can discuss.

[Motion to accept the new logo as the one with the most votes \(tractor logo\): Deniece Tucker](#)

[Second: Helen Bushue](#)

[Discussion: None](#)



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Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

- Larry: \$300 was allocated for swag with new logo; Jay can get some for distribution.
- **Action Item:** Jay to update MCFB sites and information with new logo as well as purchase branded gear (up to \$300) for distribution.

REPRESENTING FARMERS					
7	7:35 (10 min)	OFB/Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Harassment/Discrimination• Issue Advisory Committees• Briefings/Action Alerts	Information	Larry Bailey/ Pete Postlewaite/ Jay Udelhoven	a) OFB Letter b) OFB Bylaw Memo

Pete: Redistricting coming through at state level senate voted; house not sure; last time leg voted and passed was in 1911 and 2011, so probably not now; will be decided by SOS and will then likely go to courts.

- Larry: Removed all Rs from House committee.
- Pete: Cap and reduce will lead to fuel rationing; Country Financial has new app will save money; will have new way to price risk house ownership policy.
- Pete: Anti-harassment issue; received phone calls from board and past board reps, and members; don't know why it's taking so long to adhere to law; had staff turnover; a lot of contention between govt affairs and field staff; still has a task force; MCFB doesn't use OFB field staff; used to have OFB field staff come and give report; some counties still do; OFB staff and county interactions instigated this issue; resolution hopefully coming shortly; budget for funds for fulltime position; won't fill Gail's position at federal level; resolution how to work with counties.
- Deniece: Gail left because of this?
- Pete: No, different opinions about what her job entailed; Sam is conflicted with counties and field staff.
- Larry: OFB is a federation of county farm bureaus; state can make recommendations, but counties are independent.

Jay: Angi had asked in the spring that we discuss the many OFB advisory committees and whether MCFB can participate more. There are many committees, including:

1. Aggregate
2. Fill and Removal
3. Wildfire
4. Ag Production/Transportation
5. Farm Market
6. Good Depredation
7. Govt./Nat'l Affairs



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8. Labor
9. Land Use
10. Livestock/Public Lands
11. Ralph Smiley
12. Wildlife
13. Membership & Recognition
14. OSU Ag
15. Tax
16. Water
17. Social Media
18. President's
19. Budget/Investment
20. Credentials
21. Nominating
22. Convention
23. OPAC

- Larry: Angi did it for several years.
- Scott: Admitted to being rookie but can contribute; most layers in Multnomah County!
- Larry: if qualified as a member, can participate.
- Scott: Inexperience could be helpful.

➤ **Action Item:** Jay to send list of committees to Scott.

Larry: OFB by-law proposal form included in the packet; don't think we have anything.

8	7:45 (5 min)	Project Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bull Run Project• DSL projects• Others?	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Bull Run Comment Letter
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Larry: Regarding the attached Bull Run Letter; City of Portland wants to build water treatment facility; tried several locations; ~1 mile from many farms; community activist group opposed to this; Barry and Larry went to meeting at Nelson's Nursery recently and chatted with farmers with significant concerns; could be a future issue with farmers' dust settling on water supply causing problems with local farming; Jessie Nelson asked if Larry would testify; sent in a letter did not run by board -asked ODA to give resources to evaluate whether City of Portland is doing this correctly; letter was received positively from BOA; several members frustrated with City of Portland. Jim Johnson with ODA is interested in helping out; careful with letter – got 1000 friends, OAN, and OFB to sign letter.

- Pete: Water treatment?
- Scott: Freshwater?
- Jay/Larry: Yes.
- Jay: Have attended stakeholder meetings; will be impressed if this gets them to slow down.
- Larry: Yes, but they still have work to do; get the best deal we can.

Jay: Reviewed 8 DSL permits over the summer; permitting was slow with few to review; no obvious impacts for farmland.



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Jay: Other projects I should be tracking?

- Scott: Thinks we should look around country at other farm bureaus that have put things together such as “top 10 endangered buildings”; what could farm bureau do to get some headlines; “best counties to farm versus the worst for farming”; Top 10 counties for farming – gets local news interested; how do you feel about being the worst county for farming? Step 2: look at other states that have a “farmers’ bill of rights” – need something that is crystal clear; people trust firemen and farmers; has another state done it? Right to farm law has been trampled. Need to get it out of the county’s hands.
- Joe: Show legislators what it should look like.
- Scott: Some states may have figured this out.
- Joe: A farmer’s bill of rights first would allow you to judge best/worst.
- Scott: FBOR is going to take a while; should be a ballot measure; start out with higher profile; could be a membership poll; it’ll get coverage; do it at member pumpkin patch when already have people there. Could get statewide ballot measure passed because people love farmers and firemen.
- Pete: Proactive instead of reactive.
- Scott: Go to fairs and rodeos; maybe get another membership to support Farmer’s Bill of Rights; who will resist it?
- Pete: Agrees and likes it; reward best counties; highlight worst ones.
- Larry: Look and chat about it next month

➤ **Action Item:** Jay to look into best/worst farm counties and Farmer Bill of Rights for October meeting.

ASSISTING FARMERS					
9	7:50 (5 min)	Farmer Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WPS/Employment Poster• Web: Mental Health, COVID, Disaster Relief, Opportunities, Find A Farm	Decision/ Information	Larry Bailey/ Jay Udelhoven	N/A

Larry: WPS poster idea; used to create posters and send them out; we can probably get them made for about 0.75/piece; might be an opportunity to make up 1,000-2,000 and give them away at the state convention.

- Scott: Just ordered one for \$29; if sent with membership request would be good.
- Helen: Talking about making up new ones?
Larry: Have to design it ourselves, but similar to the FEELDS one; might have to work with them; 18x24 poster 50 cents/piece Spanish and English. Thinking how we can help out statewide. If interest, happy to do leg work
- Helen: Do it when new wage comes out.
- Larry: Can have a placeholder in there.
- Deniece: Likes the idea.

➤ **Action Item:** Larry and Jay to discuss and research WPS poster.

10	7:55 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	TBD	N/A
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[Not present]

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

11	8:00 (5 min)	Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pesticide applicators classes• SAI and Memorial Scholarship Thank Yous	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) SAI Letter b) OAEF Letter c) Ag Fest Letter
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Jay: OFB is offering pesticide applicators classes for 4 CORE credit hours Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 8 a.m. to noon - or -- Thursday, February 24, 2022, 8 a.m. to noon; \$20 for current voting or supporting members and \$60 for non-Farm Bureau members. Other than that, several thank you letters that we've received for our financial support of ag-related educational efforts are attached FYI.

ASKING FARMERS

12	8:05 (5 min)	Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farmworker Housing	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Only one Ask-a-Farmer topic this summer regarding farmworker housing, which stemmed from a request for support from a local developer; posted our general answer on social media.

- Pete/Larry/Scott: Had general discussion about ag labor housing and tax incentives.

ADMINISTRATION

13	8:10 (5 min)	Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tentatively 11/11 @ Rossi's• Budget & raffle/giveaways• Guest speaker	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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[Skipped agenda item initially; returned to it at 9:05.]

Larry: Annual meeting tentatively planned for 11/11 at Rossi's; Lars Larson agreed to speak.

- Joe: Questions about budget; has caterers; we have subsidized meals in the past; given the budget surplus; interest to foot entire bill inviting voting and supporting members.
- Scott: How many people will show up?
- Larry: 50-60 people.
- Joe: Confirmed Lars Larson through Frank.
- Larry: How much were we spending in past?
- Deniece: Not sure; \$800?
- Joe: What is budget? He'll coordinate the food.
- Pete: What time?
- Helen: Split costs in past with Clackamas.
- Larry: What is reasonable based on experience? ~\$35/plate;
- Joe: Work with catering and staff to get number.
- Larry: Can we give Joe a \$35/plate budget? Cover all or members cover it all.



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- General: Yes.
- Helen: Have Clackamas pay half.
- Deniece: Door prizes, center pieces, thank you gifts.
- Helen: Paid entire bill \$1400 or so.
- Larry: Pay for all of it for members; will propose \$500 for door prize; \$1500 for firearms (raffle); seem reasonable?

Motion to allocate funds to pay for members dinner, \$500 door prize, and \$1,5000 firearms raffle: Helen Bushue

Second: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

➤ **Action Item:** Jay to follow up with OFB regarding annual meeting.

14	8:15 (10 min)	Board Secretary Position • New appointment	Decision	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Deniece was willing to sign on as Secretary as long as Jay stays on at ED

- Deniece: Yes, that's correct
- Larry: Need to appoint Deniece as secretary; entertain a motion.

Motion to appoint Deniece as the MCFB Board Secretary: Helen Bushue

Second: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

15	8:25 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: We made a donation over the summer to the Sandy Areas Buyers pool \$500; would like a board affirmation through a motion.

Motion to allocate \$500 to the Sandy Areas Buyers pool: Helen Bushue

Second: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried



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- Larry: This Thursday morning Capital Press will interview people at water treatment facility; if any members know something about it and are interested, they should show up; if anyone wants more information let Larry know. We need more board members; anyone with ideas bring them to Larry; would like set aside budget to pay for hosting/come to annual meeting MCFB or OFB annual meeting; talking to one guy that is interested; set aside some budget to host people to observe what we do
- Den: We didn't use activities members enhancement budget or leadership budget last year.
- Larry: Plenty of money to do it; think of some people; Pete –re-election?
- Pete: up to you guys; do it for another 2-year term; after that, look for someone else.

16	8:35 (10 min)	Finance & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial statements• Grant Requests	Information Decisions	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial Reports b) Grant Summary
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Den: Reviewed financials; balance sheet, P&L, topped over \$300K cash at end of year; beat the budget by \$40K

- Scott: How many counties have \$300K reserve?
- Pete: 7-8 maybe.
- Deniece: P&L and budget are self-explanatory; last meeting May 14; only a few payments over the summer; got tax returns finished; will contact another firm to see if they can do it; she could do it herself; budget questions: Jay to keep them same amount for his contract?
- Jay: Yes, for another year.
- Den: Leadership? 7500 budget wasn't used due to covid; should we keep this?
- Larry: Yes.
- Den: Activities and member enhancement?
- Larry: Yes, keep it the same.
- Helen: Contributions we haven't given yet?
- Den: \$30-40K for surplus again? Overall budget to absorb all money? I guess it will be.
- Larry: Keep it the same.
- Helen: Ag in the classroom (give more); OFS 2K?
- Larry: Entertain motions

Motion to allocate \$3,000 to Ag in the Classroom: Helen Bushue

Second: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None [Joe not present]

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

Motion to allocate \$500 to Century Farm and Ranch: Helen Bushue

Second: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None [Joe not present]

Against: None

For: All



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Motion: Passed/carried

Motion to allocate \$1,000 to Sandy FFA: Helen Bushue

Second: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None [*Joe not present*]

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

Motion to allocate another \$2,000 to OFS: Helen Bushue

Second: Deniece Tucker

Discussion: None

Abstained: None [*Joe not present*]

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

- Deniece: All go out in this budget year?
- Larry: Yes.
- Deniece: Come out of reserves?
- Larry: Yes.
- Helen: if you show it in proper line; then next year it'll be easier.

Motion to approve the financial reports: Helen Bushue

Second: John Bergan

Discussion: None

Abstained: None [*Joe not present*]

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Passed/carried

17	8:45 (5 min)	ED's Report	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Other than what has already been discussed on the agenda, not a lot to report; I've relocated to Manzanita as planned but am finding myself in the Multnomah County area 1-3x/week for work at present.

ADJOURNMENT

18	8:50 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Helen: Need to make sure annual meeting gets to OFB.



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19	8:55	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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9:16 adjourned

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	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	To be completed
6	Reach out to Joe regarding water rights	Jay	4/22/2021	When possible	To be completed
7	Check on price breaks for hats.	Jay	5/20/2021	When possible	To be completed
8	Send membership information to Scott Reed	Jay	9/20/2021	When possible	To be completed
9	Update MCFB sites and info with new logo; purchase branded gear (NTE \$300)	Jay	9/20/2021	When possible	To be completed



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10	Send list of OFB Advisory Committees to Scott Reed	Jay	9/20/2021	When possible	To be completed
11	Look into best/worst farm counties and Farmer Bill of Rights	Jay	9/20/2021	For Oct meeting	To be completed
12	Discuss and research WPS poster development/distribution	Jay/Larry	9/20/2021	As soon as possible; prep for OFB convention?	To be completed
13	Follow up with OFB regarding MCFB-CCFB annual meeting	Jay	9/20/2021	As soon as possible	To be completed

	Minutes Approved
Date:	10/21/2021
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Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	John Bergan
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those against:	None
Those for:	All
Motion:	Passed/carried