



Multnomah County Farm Bureau

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: March 18, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Call-in Only

Meeting Called to Order			
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	03/18/2020		
Time:	7:03 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:	Andrew Brown, EMSWCD	x	
Other:			

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

7:03: **Larry** welcomed everyone; thanked everyone for joining us remotely; soon we hope to meet face-to-face.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board Meeting Minutes • <i>Review/approve minutes</i>	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 01/21/2021 Mins
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Larry: Everyone take a look will entertain a motion to except the attached minutes.

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

[Second: Helen](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Carried/Passed](#)

REPRESENTING FARMERS					
3	7:10 (10 min)	Policy Update	Information	Angi Bailey	N/A

Angi: We're about midway through the legislative session; 1st chamber deadline is 3/19; anything not scheduled will die; after tomorrow we'll know what's moving forward; 4,000+ bills introduced this session. OFB has several action alerts listed on website, such as those regarding beaver management, diesel. ag overtime, timber taxation. OFB Board



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is meeting 3/19 to consider positions.

- Larry: How is Barb doing?
- Angi: Barb released from hospital last Sunday; was doing well but went back to OHSU. Expected to be in hospital another week. Positive update recently. See: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/barbiverson2>

OFB Monthly Member Policy Briefings: To keep Farm Bureau voting members better informed about what is going on in Salem and Washington D.C., OFB will host Monthly Member Briefings via Zoom starting in January. These hour-long meetings will take place the fourth Friday of the month at 7 a.m. and will feature OFB staff giving need-to-know updates about the most pressing issues facing Farm Bureau members, with plenty of time for questions.

Voting Farm Bureau members: Mark your calendar for these briefings!

- Friday, March 26 at 7 a.m.
- Friday April 23 at 7 a.m.
- Friday, May 28 at 7 a.m.
- Friday, June 25 at 7 a.m.
- Friday, July 23 at 7 a.m.

A membership webinar on April 6 @noon. How to talk to people about OFB membership.

➤ **Action:** Larry and I to attend if possible.

4	7:20 (15 min)	Project Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy AgWQ Management Area Meeting• Bull Run Project• DSL projects	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) Bull Run Advisory Group List
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Jay: ODA's Sandy Basin Biennial Review of the Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan has been scheduled for March 31, 2021; 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The meeting will be conducted via video and telephone conference. This year there are no changes or edits to the Area Plan. Updates on current progress, program updates, LAC recruitment for new members, appoint chair, progress on the measurable objective, and impediments and modifications to the Plan.

- Deniece: Can attend if necessary.
- John: Still recovering.
- Larry: Asked Jay to attend and report back.

➤ **Action:** Jay to attend Sandy AgWQ Management Area meeting and report back to board.

Jay: Regarding the Bull Run Project, attended the Feb 11 meeting. Other meetings are scheduled.

Feb.11, 2021	Facility Construction
Mar. 11, 2021	Project Costs & Good Neighbor Agreement Update
Apr. 8, 2021	Draft Good Neighbor Agreement
May 13, 2021	Facility and Site Design Update
June 10, 2021	Final Good Neighbor Agreement
July 8, 2021	TBD
Aug. 12, 2021	TBD
September 2021	TBD

- Jay: See the handout; there are 16 people on advisory group: 2 supporting 1 voting MCFB member.
- Al: Isn't Eisele a OFB member?
- Jay: Not sure. I will check with other counties.



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Started construction @ Lusted Hill (“Improved corrosion control treatment project”).

Preconstruction & Design ~2 years 2021-2022 (water filtration project)

Construction ~4 years 2023-2027

Issues: work hours, noise, traffic

- Jay: Does the board want this project monitored?
- Larry: Not a high priority; if time and willing that would be good to follow; a lot of farmer in the area are concerned.
- Deniece: Close to her so would like to know what’s happening.
- Jay: Will continue to track.

Jay: Continues to review DSL Projects; 14 projects since the last minute, 13 of which took about 13 minutes, so not a lot of time. The 14th project involved the development of ~50 acres of EFU land in west Multnomah County. MCFB did not express concern. Should these continue to be reviewed?

- Larry: No strong opinion; nice to pay attention to them.
- Deniece: Nice to know what’s going on.
- Jay: Will keep reviewing.
- Larry: If at any point it gets to be too much, let the board know.

ASSISTING FARMERS

5	7:35 (10 min)	Progress Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fill Your Pantry Report• Opportunities• Disaster/COVID resources• 10+ Entities	Information	Jay Udelhoven	a) 10+ Entities List
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Jay:

- Fill You Pantry 2020: 23 farm participants; 3 known MCFB members; still researching other OFB members. In terms of the Portland Farmer’s Markets: 78 farm participants; still researching number of OFB members.
 - Al: Asked for clarification on the number of MCFB members.
 - Larry: As will be discussed later, developing a relationship with our small farmers will be key to membership.
- “Opportunities” posted on new tab on website and distributed via social media:
 - FSA crop loss adjusters
 - USDA urban ag committee
 - Rocky Butte Farmer’s market (1/mo on Sat; June – Oct); 9200 NE Fremont St.
- Disaster and COVID resources now online as well.
- 10+ Entities: In response to a question about allowable activities on farmland, started to develop a resource/pamphlet of the first 10 entities local farmers should connect with. This is posted online and was distributed via social media. Will continue to work towards a more detailed hardcopy version.

6	7:45 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update	Information	Andrew Brown	N/A
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Andrew: Introduced self; taking over for Matt Shipkey; looking forward to meeting everyone in future; not a lot to update; office hours open with technical folks; virtual technical assistance April 12, 13, 14, and 16 with Jeremy Baker; should be receiving something in the mail.

- Larry: Thanks for service and for attending.



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- Jay: Inquired what kinds of things will be discussed during virtual sessions.
- Andrew: Natural resource concerns, erosion, weeds, stormwater management; soil and water conservation; ag resource concerns.

ASKING FARMERS

7	7:50 (5 min)	Questions posed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance providers• Agencies/organizations	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Quick update on questions posed for farmers.

- Question about product insurance provider recommendations. Answer was Country Financial!
- Question about allowable activities on farmland. Answer was contact the county as it depends on zoning, prior “grandfathered” activities, and the county planner code interpretation, among other things.

CONNECTING FARMERS

8	7:55 (15 min)	Outreach & Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social media/web• Branded gear/logos	Information/ Discussion	Jay Udelhoven Angi Bailey Deniece Tucker	a) Logo examples
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Jay: Continue to update our website; website is being noticed; one cfb inquired about development and cost. It appears that only one other cfb has a website (Marion); several have FB sites; unclear about Instagram; 300 followers on Instagram; using LinkedIn more. Reached out to all of the county presidents and asked to be on their mailing lists; heard back from Marion & Polk Counties.

Jay: Regarding the Branded gear, Jay, Angi, and Deniece met to discuss. Came to the conclusion that we had to decide on the logo prior to moving to far forward. Some examples are attached in Item 8a.

- Deniece: Suggested voting to narrow down options.
- Angi: Don't want to copy other logos exactly; has a friend that does design work who could come up with something; county outline for example; then could bring something specific back.
- Helen: Multnomah County is small and narrow; likes Marion County; having the name front and center is important.
- Al: Name and art work should be as simple as possible; simple and less cluttered directs attention to name.
- Larry: Marion and Linn county; simplicity.
- Helen: Suggested Angi talk to person she knows.
- Larry: Agreed
- Angi: Likely will just do it for us for free; will chat with her and find out; hope to provide 3-4 options.

➤ **Action:** Angi to reach out to designer friend; inquire whether s/he can develop 3-4 logo options based on feedback from board.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

9	8:10 (5 min)	Oregon FFA State Convention	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: The Oregon FFA extended appreciation for our donation; we were recognized as a "Two Star Partner" at the Oregon FFA State Convention scheduled for **Tuesday-Thursday, March 16th-18th**; offered us a workshop or to be on an existing panel. On behalf of MCFB, I volunteered to serve on a panel about non-traditional career paths.



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ADMINISTRATION

10	8:15 (15 min)	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">Numbers to dateStudent MembersNew members	Information Decisions	Larry Bailey	a) Member update b) Student member memo
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Larry: slipped 2 or 3 for % down to 12th place! Charts in packet shared data in county presidentss meeting; data for all counties; went over table; less than half of \$2500+ farmers are members; our real opportunity is with small farmers

- Al: Some of the larger farms might be from Clackamas county/
- Larry: Next two charts deal with trends; over last year trending up; our trend looks better than the large majority; uptick in recent years; questions?

Larry: Our new members are listed in the attached under the charts. Will accept a motion to approve.

Motion to approve new members: Deniece

Second: Al

Discussion:

- Larry: If people would like more vetting, we can; let us know.
- Deniece: good idea.
- Helen: Curious about commodities.
- Larry: Who is receiving the applications?
- Jay: Not sure, will look into this.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

➤ **Action:** Jay to look into new member application forms.

Larry: Introduced topic of student members. Some counties had been doing this for a while. Two years ago attempted to put something in place. Last year it was approved that counties can accept student members. Not eligible to vote. Inexpensive way to engage students. We have to tell state if we want to.

- Al: Asking for a motion?

Motion to approve student member option: Al allow students in MCFB in accordance with OFB bylaws; set initial dues at \$20/year.

Second: Deniece

Discussion:

- Al: \$20 because membership will be small and we should encourage membership.
- Larry: Agreed and maybe gets some FFA kids involved.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

11	8:30 (10 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Curious how everyone faired with snow and ice; lost half of greenhouse space.

- Den: Did alright as wind blew snow off of buildings; no real damage; sinkhole in Kerslake road.



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- Larry: Attended county presidents' meeting 1.5 weeks ago; centered around legislature; a lot of problematic issues; weighed in on beaver bill; Deniece sent letter to Anna Williams about labor bill; encourage everyone to reach out to legislature to let them know opinions.
- Deniece: What's the worst thing?
- Larry: Ag labor?
- Den: Climate?
- Larry: Carbon free goals.
- Angi: Industrial dairy bill that would affect all CAFOs; all livestock; not for us but rest of state; diesel bills are significant but don't think they'll move; ag overtime is big deal, there was some hope it would move into work session – will know tomorrow. Hemp enforcement bill; coyote hunting for sport; beaver bill.
- Larry: OFRI funding discussion; OFRI wasn't invited.
- Angi: Kim Miller just had Cap Press Op-Ed; e.g., timber taxation bill proponent talked for an hour; burned up as much committee time as possible then each person had 1-minute public comment. E.g., Tim Miller signed up to testify and didn't get to; process seems flawed.

12	8:40 (10 min)	Finance & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial statements• Grants	Information Decisions	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial reports b) Grant summary c) OFS request
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Deniece: Financial statements printed out in packet; reviewed balance sheet, year-to-date, actual profit and loss comparison, and account register by date (picked up where left off last time). Questions? If you look at budget, have a long way to go on spending if we're going to spend out for the year. Wanted to bring up three of the donations.

[Motion to approve the financials: Helen](#)

[Second: Al](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Motion: Carried/Passed](#)

Denice: In terms of donations; SAI \$5200 a year ago in May; OFS request, we gave \$2000 in May; OR Ag Fest last year they didn't have event; this year they'll have it; 2019 gave \$1000. Need to consider what we're going to do by May.

- Larry: OAF memorial scholarship hopeful.
- Helen: Women for Ag is not on the list.

[Motion to approve \\$500 for OR Women in Ag: Helen](#)

[Second: Al](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)

[Against: None](#)

[For: All](#)

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[Motion to approve \\$1000 for Oregon Ag Fest: Helen](#)

[Second: Deniece](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[Abstained: None](#)



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Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

Motion to approve \$2000 OFS membership: Helen

Second: Al

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

Motion to approve \$5200 for OAEF SAI: Helen [unless there was something more; Deniece 2 teachers at \$2600 each still the same.]

Second: John

Discussion:

- Larry: Despite COVID, they did SAO last year?
- Den: Looking at letter, SAI West will be in hybrid with 3 day in person 2 days virtual.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

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

Second: Deniece

Discussion:

- Deniece: anyone pass away that we want to recognize with donation?
- Larry: No one comes to mind.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

Larry: Open to hearing other requests.

- Jay: We received a request last year and this year to help fund Market Scouts. We did not fund them last year. The funding goes directly to local farmers through produced purchases.
- Deniece: Did they ask for \$500?
- Jay: They desired up to \$2500, but as a first time \$500 seemed like a minimal amount.

Motion to approve \$1,000 to Market Scouts and take it out of special budget surplus: Deniece

Second: Helen

Discussion:

- Al: In spirit of giving us a second option, move to amend amount to \$500.

Second: Helen

Disc:

- Al: His impression was that we supported for \$500 last year; can't believe we're in a financially stronger; \$500 is adequate.

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All



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Amended Motion: Carried/Passed

Vote on amended \$500 to Market Scouts

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

- Helen: What about OFS PAC contribution; county FBs can't pay into a PAC?
- Larry: Thinks that is correct.
- Deniece: OFB has a PAC.
- Larry: Voter education fund? Happy to take action to figure this out.
- Helen: She knows they do give checks to officials.
- Angi: Dave could answer that question; OFS has a PAC; thinks Helen is correct; membership is ok.
- Larry: Emailed Dave should get information prior to next meeting.
- Deniece: Does Helen know anything about Ronald McDonald House?
- Helen: Normally we give \$200 to each house = \$600.
- Den: Part of Women's' Committee budget?
- Angi: For Portland area Ronald McDonald House shopped this past Monday.
- Deniece: Doesn't know how it works if we fund after the fact.
- Helen: If they don't spend it all on food; if they'd get something from us they would combine/forward it.

Motion to approve \$200 per Ronald McDonald House for a total of \$600: Helen

Second: John/Angi

Discussion: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: All

Motion: Carried/Passed

- Deniece: In next meeting need to discuss others that we take care of in August, such as golf tournament and trap shoot; should she send them out right away.
- Larry: yes, send them.
- Denice: no reason to hold them.
- Larry: Would like to see the budget impact sooner rather than later.

13	8:50 (5 min)	ED's Report	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Moving to the coast! Will continue to serve in same capacity.

- Larry: Jay mentioned to me; happy with current work and happy to continue.
- Helen: website looks good.
- Deniece/AI: thanks!

ADJOURNMENT

14	8:55 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Emailed Dave while talking; wrote back and answer... [please forward to Jay]

- Helen: We support some ballot measures.
- Larry: Will revisit next month.
- Angi: No active ballot initiatives; if something comes up in the future remember this and potentially contribute; table until there's an initiative.
- Larry: Dave emailed second time; not illegal but may get taxed.

15	9:00	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: John it's great to have you back glad you're feeling better!

8:55 adjourned

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

Meetings	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Board	10/15	--	--	1/21	Cancelled	3/18	4/15	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	Attend OFB membership webinar	Jay & Larry	3/18/2021	4/6/2021	Completed
5	Attend Sandy AGWQ meeting	Jay	3/18/2021	3/31/2021	Completed
6	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	Ongoing
7	Look into new member application forms	Jay	3/18/2021	When possible	Completed
8	Check on OFB membership status of Maridean & Hugh Eisele	Jay	3/18/2021	When possible	Completed



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Date:	04/22/2021
Time:	7:03 PM
Location:	Zoom/Phone
Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	Helen Bushue
Discussion:	None
Abstained:	None
Those against:	None
Those for:	All
Motion:	Carried/Passed