



Multnomah County Farm Bureau **DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date/Time: February 20, 2020, 7-9 pm

Location: Pleasant Valley Grange, 17115 SE Foster Rd, Gresham, Oregon 97080

	Meeting Called to Order		
By:	Larry Bailey, President		
Date:	02/20/2020		
Time:	7:05 PM		
Location:	Pleasant Valley Grange, 17115 SE Foster Rd, Gresham, Oregon		
		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	7:15	
	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:	Matt Shipkey, EMSWCD	x	
Other:	Kari Herinckx	7:20	

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

Jay: Agenda fills up quickly, will do a better job getting Board input.

Action: Jay to request Board input on future draft agendas prior to sending out.

2	7:05 (5 min)	Board & Annual Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review action itemsReview/approve minutes	Decision	Larry Bailey	a) 1/14/2020 Mins
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[Board reviewed the minutes individually.]

Motion to approve minutes: Deniece

Seconded: Joe

Discussion: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed



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REPRESENTING FARMERS

3	7:10 (30 min)	Discussion with Kari Herinckx <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multnomah/Washington County Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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[While waiting for Kari Herinckx to arrive, the Board proceeded to Items #4, 5, and 6; returned to Item #3 at 7:22.]

Introductions:

- Larry introduced Kari; there was no particular agenda or specific topic to discuss; more of an initial meet and greet.
- Kari introduced herself; she started her current position in Oct. 2019; a native of western Washington County; from a farming family; 6 generations of farmers; rural issues are important to Senator Merkley; the Senator has leadership role on the Senate appropriations ag committee, which brings financial resources to Oregon.
- Larry thanked Kari for reaching out.

Cap & Trade:

- Deniece mentioned the issue; concerned that it will make farmers change in ways that will negatively impact farmers.
- Larry said there's an attitude that we have to do something; doesn't matter positive impact or where we stand relative to the nation.
- Deniece is a 3rd generation farmer of 84 acres; raising trees producing clean air; alternative would be to sell for development of 300-400 houses with cars polluting; but farmers are branded as polluters; farmers are the ultimate enviros; we shouldn't be seen as the enemy of activists; we should be seen as allies.
- Kari said that the Senator is not super involved in the state cap and trade issue; out of national scope; farmers have a strong sense of the land and environment.

General Issues:

- Kari: Senator is committed to representing all Oregonians; this county particular with rural and urban; here to listen to concerns.
- Larry: public getting more and more removed from the land; now people assume farmers are doing bad things; people take their food for granted.
- Kari: Senate appropriations decides where fed'l budget goes; Trump budget came out; now deciding where actual federal budget goes.
- Helen: Senator reached out to Barry Bushue several times.
- Pete: met with the Senator several times; always very receptive; may not see eye-to-eye. WOTUS may come back up again.

Food Safety:

- Pete: farms veggies and the regs for food safety cause him to pay a lot of money for inspections and monitoring; policy makers without requisite knowledge make burdensome requirements for farmers.
- Larry: shut down a farm over one false positive because new standards were applied; crops rotted in the field.
- Joe: one of several examples of family farm being bankrupted; every time you add a requirement; corporate



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farms can do it; but family farms cannot; three examples of going out of biz; \$70K/year = family wage farm; when you shut guys down the farm products shift to Mexico, not somewhere else in Oregon; food safety suffers when production moves outside U.S.; the burden of documenting puts farms out of business.

- Pete: those acres never come back; once a farmer quits and finds grass greener on other side of fence; doesn't go back to farming.
- Helen: NORPAC closing down is an example.
- Joe: Farm Bill should protect farms so food production stays in U.S.
- Pete: tried to get food safety under authority of state DOE; FDA was not prepared; USDA has data but FDA didn't know scope/scale of situation.
- Kari: If there are particular hold ups in the administration; she would like to hear; e.g. anything with FDA.

Immigration:

- Kari: curious how immigration will impact farmers; sticky issue; senator focusing on human nature part; child separation; economic impact on folks who need to work the land.
- Larry: uses migrant workers; the farm jobs are not something unskilled labor can do; nursery industry has need for year-round labor force that is skilled; hard to get people to do the job; significant issue.
- Joe: we need a guest worker (H2A) program; we need more legal people who want to work.
- Deniece: farmers shouldn't be responsible for having to house labor force since they are responsible for paying them a living wage.
- Kari: in process of drafting comprehensive housing bill; addresses housing affordability, stability, and homelessness.

Difference between western Washington County versus Multnomah County:

- Helen: Our issues are more at the state level than the federal.
- Larry: WOTUS; state and local govt are issues; we have both urban and rural farmers in addition to a lot of development everywhere.
- Deniece: happy to show farm operation.
- Kari: would like to do a tour; a couple of others on staff would be good contacts; natural resource liaison and business liaison; she can't route concerns appropriately.

Action: Jay/Larry to follow up with Kari regarding possible farm tour at Deniece's and/or other farms.

4	7:40 (5 min)	Farm Walk & Talk with Rep. Anna Williams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will discuss logistics of this event	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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[Skipped Item #3; started Item #4 @ 7:10.]

Larry: Discussed with Justin and Anna Williams Office; would like to visit two farms after session, around middle of March; trying to find a bigger farm and one other than nursery.

Deniece: Suggested Kerslakes or Striebens (vegies and raspberries).

Larry: Williams supported OFB position on Chlorpyrifos bill; on record as being a 'no'; Williams asked if there was



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something to ask for to change to a "yes."

Larry: Talked to Dressler; asked to modify or defeat as to support -3 Amendment; ask to remain no and ask for support -3; Williams supported our position.

5	7:45 (10 min)	The Wave – Metro Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guest Jacque Duyck will present issue	Discussion	Larry Bailey	a) Press Release
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[Jacque was not present.]

Larry: Jacque emailed the metro area OFB county presidents with concerns about wording and messaging; not necessarily the intent; asked her to come up with language that we can sign onto and send to Metro.

6	7:55 (10 min)	Region 7 Policy Report	Information	Pete Postlewaite Angi Bailey	N/A
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[Angi was not present.]

Pete: Staffing changes at OFB; Caroline Lobdell at Western Resources Legal Foundation presented recently at OFB; regarding issue-based advisory committees, there is a lot of misunderstanding about role of committee members so Shane put out policies for the committees; legal aid update regarding recovering attorney fees to help minimize frivolous lawsuits.

ASKING FARMERS

7	8:05 (5 min)	Activity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRP land lease rates	Discussion	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: Only one question raised since the last meeting, concerning lease premiums for farmland previously in CRP; received input that lease premiums would be appropriate for organic farmers and fruit/vegie farmers.

ASSISTING FARMERS

8	8:10 (5 min)	Activity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coyote Forum• BES Sub-meter Program• Trespass Signs	Discussion & Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Coyotes:

- Jay: Received input from some urban farmers that they've been having coyote problems; asked Board if we should host a forum of sorts on coyotes.
- Helen: Lots of coyotes around her farm.
- Pete: More of a cougar problem.
- Jay: Should I look into a coyote forum further?
- Larry: Not a huge amount of time; but look into it.

Action: Jay to spend minimal time investigating coyote presentation/forum options.

BES Sub-meter Program:

- Jay: Met with BES program director who said the issue (of urban, "residential" farmers being charged for irrigation water that does not go into the sewer system) could potentially be resolved; would be good to understand scale of problem; will continue to nudge this along with BES.

OFB Trespass Signs:

- Jay: Worked with OFB so have trespass signs sent to local farmer.
- Pete, Deniece, and Larry requested signs as well.

Action: Jay to get trespass signs sent to Pete, Deniece, and Larry.

9	8:15 (5 min)	EMSWCD Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm succession workshops will take place at the Multnomah Grange on 2/12 & 2/26	Information	EMSWCD rep	N/A
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Matt Shipkey: Partnered with CSWCD to host succession training; two more coming upon 2/26 and 3/11; if anyone wants to attend; 1x1 counseling is available; do it again next year; Jeremy shared info on the ditch bill (HB2437) which passed and authorizes farm ditch maintenance without dredge and fill permit – work with ODA not DSL; enforcement done by DSL; OSU will conduct studies of work to understand impacts looking for volunteers.

Pete: In last minutes wetland mitigation banking was mentioned -- what is EMSWCD doing? Considering it on his property.

Jay: Acting as a liaison for two farmers who are entertaining wetland mitigation banking on their properties: happy to talk to Pete about it.

CONNECTING FARMERS					
10	8:20 (5 min)	AFBF Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Download from attendees	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A

Larry: Good experience; met a lot of people; Barry got award.



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Helen: Impressed with number of Oregon people; ~60 OFB members!

SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH FARMERS

11	8:25 (5 min)	MCFB & CCFB WPS/Pesticide Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owners completed• Handlers/Workers potential	Discussion	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Pesticide training successfully completed; ~25-ish people; would like to continue to do it on an annual basis; advertise earlier and more broadly next time, working more closely with OAN (as Helen suggested). Still talking about WPS worker training with PERC; has money available for training in state. Goal is to set up annual training that is predictable for farmers in March/April/May.

12	8:30 (10 min)	Sponsorships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market Scouts• Oregon Ag Fest• Ag in the Classroom	Decisions & Information	Deniece Tucker	a) MS request/pub b) OAF request/pub c) AIC thank you
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Oregon Ag Fest:

- Helen: Every year we contribute to OR ag fest; asked us for \$1,000 in past; OFB asks for additional contribution to fund their booth and Friday activity for \$500 in past.
- Deniece gave schedule of what we spent last year; OAF and OFB paid in March last year.
- Larry: Suggested we consider all donations next month.
- Helen: We should pencil out where we want to spend in education, legal/political, and community.

Ag in Classroom:

- Deniece provided thank you letter for our previous donation.

Market Scouts:

- Jay: Goeff Dorn with Country Financial set up a meeting with Portland Farmers Market and Slow Food; they partner together on the Market Scouts Program each year at the Lents International Farmers Market to teach kids about food; they are asking for a grant to support up to \$6,000 worth of tokens.

Action: Deniece and Helen to work together prior to March Board meeting to identify all donation/grant requests for this year and present proposal to the Board.

ADMINISTRATION



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13	8:40 (5 min)	President's Report	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: Received email from Sam asking to write letters in opposition to SB1516; OFB Report stated we're at 62 % of our membership goal; we need 58 more members to reach goal; social media committee wants counties to undertake more social media; at county president's meeting it was suggested that larger counties with more resources should consider contributing to smaller counties; asking Multnomah/Clackamas/Washington to provide \$450 a piece to Harney County so a Board member can attend the OFB P&E trust conference.

Deniece: There is no line item but there may be options.

[Motion to provide \\$450 to Harney County: Helen](#)

[Seconded: Deniece](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[For: Deniece, Helen, John](#)

[Against: Joe](#)

[Motion: Passed](#)

14	8:45 (5 min)	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial statements	Information	Deniece Tucker	a) Financial reports
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Deniece: Reviewed financial statements; all is in good order.

[Motion to accept financial statements: Helen](#)

[Seconded: John](#)

[Discussion: None](#)

[For: All](#)

[Against: None](#)

[Motion: Passed](#)

15	8:50 (5 min)	ED's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March Board meeting location• Corbett Grange Ag Committee Meeting• Country Financial Meeting	Information	Jay Udelhoven	N/A
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Jay: March Board meeting will be held at the Clackamas County Bank in Gresham; spent time last month with the Ag Committee from the Corbett Grange whose members expressed interest in engaging with MCFB; meeting with Country Financial is set for April 15.

16	8:55 (5 min)	Insurance & Bonding Redux <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correction needed from last meeting	Decision	Al Garre	a) Insurance Report
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[Al was not in attendance.]

Larry: There was a mistake in Al's information last month that he would like us to correct; would like new motion under corrected amounts; Al had suggested option B and Larry agreed.

Helen: Suggest she be removed as a signatory because she is not covered under the insurance.

Motion to make it \$25K coverage for President, Secretary, and Treasurer @ \$126/year: Helen

Seconded: John

Discussion: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed

Action: Deniece to have Helen removed as a check signer.

ADJOURNMENT

17	9:00 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Larry: New memberships include Carol Rosen and Bob Underwood as voting members.

Motion to accept new members: Deniece

Seconded: John

Discussion: None

For: All

Against: None

Motion: Passed

18	9:05	Meeting Adjourned	Information	Larry Bailey	N/A
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Adjourned 9:26 PM.



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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	To do
2	Work to improve brochure substance	Jay (w/Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	To do
3	Work to improve business plan substance	Jay (w/Deniece, Joe & Larry)	9/26/19	As soon as possible	To do
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 date, location, and OFB notification for next year's annual meeting.	Jay	1/15/2020	Within next few months	To do
6	Reach out to Cole to invite to a Board meeting.	Larry	1/15/2020	When possible	To do
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	To do
8	Spend minimal time investigating coyote presentation/forum options.	Jay	2/20/2020	As time allows	On-going
9	Work together prior to March Board meeting to identify all donation/grant requests for this year and present proposal to the Board.	Deniece/Helen	2/20/2020	Prior to March meeting	To do
10	Remove Helen as a check signer.	Deniece	2/20/2020	As soon as possible	To do



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	Minutes Approved
Date:	3/19/2020
Time:	Approximately 7:10 PM
Location:	Phone
Motion By:	Deniece Tucker
Second By:	John Bergan
Abstained:	None
Discussion:	None
Those for:	All
Those against:	None
Motion:	Passed