

EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, Charlotte, Michigan. Brian Lautzenheiser gave the invocation and the Senior Center served a buffet style meal to approximately 90 Farm Bureau members and guests.

Jim Orr, President, called the meeting to order at 8:06pm and declared quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Doug Pennington, Olivet FFA Advisor, was named as the Parliamentarian for the evening and the Rules of Order were presented. Ed Fox moved to accept the Rules of Order as printed in the book. Ivan Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

Nikki Dotson, County Administrative Manager, explained how the notice of the annual meeting was submitted to members.

Derik Rickerd moved to accept the minutes from the 2008 County Annual Meeting. Gary Pruden seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the un-audited financials and place them on file in the county office. Ivan Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Stanke, Policy Development Chair, and the Policy Development Committee presented the County Proposed Resolutions.

Ben Tirrell moved for the adoption of the "Public Funding for Animal Welfare Research" State Resolution. Scott Brood seconded. ADOPTED.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Proper Use of Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems" State Resolution. Derik Rickerd seconded. ADOPTED.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Food Safety & Quality" State Resolution. Pat Tirrell seconded. ADOPTED.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Michigan Merit Curriculum Policy" State Resolution. Gary Pruden seconded. ADOPTED.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Animal & Environmental Care" State Resolution. Ivan Bradley seconded. ADOPTED.

Ed Fox moved for the adoption of the "Monopolistic Pricing for Farm Supplies" National Regulation. Troy Garnant seconded. ADOPTED.

There were no resolutions from the floor.

Jim Orr, President, introduced the Board of Directors and Special Guests in attendance. He followed the introductions with the President's Report.

Joe Solitro, Agency Manager, introduced the Eaton County Farm Bureau Insurance Agents.

Duane Smuts, Third Member, presented several door prizes.

Ed Fox moved to elect the unopposed slate of Board of Director's as presented. Sandy Pray seconded. Motion passed. The newly elected officers are as follows:
Brookfield-Hamlin Townships – Debbie Granger
Delta-Oneida Townships – Fred Marquardt

Benton-Windsor Townships – Jeremy McKay
Sunfield-Roxand Townships – Vacant
NE ¼ Section – Steve Tennes
SW ¼ Section – Ben Tirrell
Eaton-Eaton Rapids Townships – Brett Roberts
Promotion & Education Chair – Holly Schaeffer
Young Farmer Chair – Derik Rickerd

Jim Orr, President, announced the two Junior Board Members for the 2009-2010 year would be Claire White of Grand Ledge and Ryan Hall of Olivet.

Derik Rickerd moved to receive the list of potential delegates for the 2009 State Annual Meeting as printed. Ivan Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

Alan Garner, District 5 Director, presented the Key Club Awards for the 2008/2009 Membership Year.
Bobbie Garnant – 1st Year Recipient Robert Haddad, Jr. – 1st Year Recipient
Brian Lautzenheiser – 3rd Year Recipient Jim Fuerstenau – 7th Year Recipient
Dave Simpson – 14th Year Recipient

Alan Garner also presented Steve Tennes with his Volunteer of the Month plaque from Michigan Farm Bureau.

Duane Smuts, Third Member, presented the Star Awards.

Gold Awards:	Silver Awards:
Promotion & Education – Holly Schaeffer	Young Farmer – Derik Rickerd
Membership – Troy Garnant	Public Policy – Ben Tirrell
County Issues – Lynn Stanke	Political Action – Ben Tirrell
Member Involvement	Policy Development – Lynn Stanke

Derik Rickerd, Young Farmer Chair, presented Steve Tennes with an award for being a state finalist for the Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Leader Award and Jill Cords with an award for being a state finalist for the Young Farmer Excellence in Agriculture Award.

Jim Orr, President, presented the County Awards. The Volunteer of the Year award was awarded to Steve Tennes, the Educator of the Year award was awarded to Roger Betz, the Promoter of the Year was presented to Phil Taylor, the Communicator of the Year was presented to the County Journal and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award was presented to Doug & Evelyn Stall.

Jim Orr, President, recognized the two Eaton County Community Action Groups, Thornapple Special and Maple Valley FFA, and presented them with gifts.

The Michigan Farm Bureau update video was played.

Jim Orr, President, made special thanks to committee chairs, then announced the Dessert Contest Winner and the Silent Auction Winners. Duane Smuts led the drawing for several final door prizes.

Ken Poff moved to adjourn the meeting. Henry Pray seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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